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## NEGUS CAPTURES ITALIAN OUTPOSTS FOLLOWING DAWN ATTACK

### PEACE PROPOSALS CONDEMNED VOTE OF CENSURE BY LABOUR PARTY FIGHTING SPEECH EXPECTED FROM SIR S. HOARE



Nahas Pasha (above) is the leader of the Nationalist Party whose members have been largely responsible for the recent outbreaks in Cairo protesting British domination.

### HOPEI-CHAHAR COUNCIL INAUGURATED IN SECRECY DEMONSTRATIONS FEARED

Peiping, To-day. Apparently for fear of student demonstrations if a preliminary announcement was made, the Hopei-Chahar Council was inaugurated this morning in great secrecy at 8 o'clock, the ceremony lasting 45 minutes. All the members were present, with the exception of Messrs Chow Tso-min, Wang Keh-kin and Cheng Keh.

General Sung Cheh-yuan, addressing the members, said that the Central Government, with a view to facilitating the administration of Hopei and Chahar, had established the Council to handle all political and administrative affairs. The members are all well-known men for whom he had the highest esteem.

#### THREE PRINCIPLES

General Sung outlined the three principles on which he intends to run the Council: firstly, district reforms and appointments must be based on the will of the people; secondly, officials must share the adversity as well as the happiness of the people; and honesty must be emphasized in the administration of finance; thirdly, friendly relations will be promoted with neighbouring countries in accordance with the mandate of the Government.

General Sung referred to the special situation existing here since the Tangku armistice agreement and emphasised the need for keeping on friendly terms with Japan. He also dwelt on the need for reviving the traditional virtues of China, exterminating the Communists and developing and spreading Oriental culture.

#### SUPPORT ASSURED

Mr. Li Ting-yan responded congratulating General Sung and assuring him of the support of all members. Mr. Chow Chien-zen expressed the hope that the Council will be able to revive the prosperity of Peiping and Tientsin.

There were a number of specially invited guests present the ceremony taking place in the old Waichiaopu building which was decorated with Kuomintang flags, but no portrait of Sun Yat-sen. A business meeting followed at which it was decided that the Council should meet weekly on Friday afternoons. A standing committee, consisting of Wang Yung-tang, Liu Chen and Liang Tei,

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### OUR CHRISTMAS SUPPLEMENT

#### 32-PAGE EXTRA FOR FESTIVE SEASON

#### LITERARY XMAS PUDDING

To-day we are giving our readers a 32-page Supplement of mixed Christmas fare. Beginning with Messages from Bishop Hall, Father Byrne, S.J., and the Rev. J. R. Higgs, the Supplement contains a charming fantasy of a Hong Kong dream inspired by the willow-pattern plates; a long-story by Doreen Sutte called "Unconditional Surrender" in which love gets mixed up with a pearl necklace and a crook, a short story by Harold Merton, and a story of rough sailing ship days called "The Fighting Steward." Christmas is described as it is celebrated in Sweden, Hungary, and South Africa, and "Toyland" is pictured, and there is a corner for the children.

Other stories are "The Way of a Sailor" by Patricia Thompson, "The Two Promises" by R. D. Wethercote, and "Cats and Cab-bages" by John Wordsworth. "Mixed together," as they say in recipes for the Christmas Pudding, "with cartoons, illustrations, and quips," this Supplement again provides exclusive Christmas fare for our readers.

### RAILWAY FARES BY INSTALMENTS

#### Ingenious Scheme In England

London, To-day. An ingenious scheme for the payment of railway fares by instalments is announced by two of the main line railways. The booking office will sell "travel" stamps, a card of 10 such stamps can be exchanged for a 10s. voucher, which will bear interest, as that in six months it will be worth 10s.

The vouchers and stamped cards may be used at any time for the purchase of all descriptions of single or return tickets except season tickets. British Wireless Service.

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## Flanking Movement Brings Success



These, the captain, chief engineer and vice-president, respectively, are now on trial in the federal court, New York, on charges of criminal negligence growing out of the Morris Castle disaster which cost 136 lives.

## ANOTHER SUCCESS FOR FRENCH PREMIER

### VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN CHAMBER

Paris, To-day. After a lively session, in the course of which the Laval-Hoare peace scheme was subjected to trenchant criticism by Left-wing orators, M. Laval once more emerged with flying colours when the Socialist motion to fix December 20 as the date for the debate on the foreign political questions — instead of December 27, as suggested by the Premier — was defeated in the Chamber by 306 votes to 252 yesterday afternoon, after M. Laval had put a question of confidence.

### LADY KINGSFORD SMITH

#### AS DIRECTOR OF AIR COMPANY

Sydney, To-day. Lady Kingsford-Smith has decided to replace her husband as a director of the Trans-Tasman Air Development Co., using her own resources until the capital of \$200,000 can be obtained. The company will adhere to Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith's plan for a semi-weekly air service between Australia and New Zealand. — Reuter.

### NAVAL PARLEY IN LONDON

#### SOME NEW GROUND BROKEN

#### BRITISH PROPOSALS

London, To-day. New ground was broken at the Naval Conference when Lord Mowbray, First Lord of the Admiralty, introduced a proposal inviting the Powers to state what tonnage they contemplate constructing in the next few years. Behind the proposal is the idea that any eventual treaty should contain a clause recognising the right of all the signatories to equality and security, and to possess the measure of armaments necessary for the national security.

No actual figures will be mentioned therein, but unilateral declarations containing the tonnages to be annexed, as a less formal undertaking than a treaty itself. Thus individual countries will not sacrifice their status by agreeing to build lower tonnages than others.

How far the annexes will be made a contractual obligation depends on the support accorded to the British proposal. It is understood that the United States is strongly in favour of the annexes being made definitely contractual, and it is expected that they will suggest an amendment designed to maintain the present ratio. — Reuter.

### NEW CHAIRMAN OF HUPEH APPOINTED

Nanking, to-day. It is officially announced that Mr. Yang Yung-tai, the Generalissimo's chief secretary, has been appointed Chairman of Hupeh. General Cheng Chien, former commander of the sixth army, has been appointed Chief of the General Staff. — Reuter.

### GERMAN AMBASSADOR AT PARIS III

Paris, To-day. The German Ambassador, Dr. Koester, who has been in ill-health for some time, will shortly take a long holiday in order to recuperate. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### DUBLIN RUGBY WIN

London, To-day. Playing at home yesterday, Dublin University defeated Cambridge University by 19 points to 8 in their annual Rugby encounter. — Reuter.

## SUPER LINER FOR U.S.A.

### Vessel To Replace "Leviathan"

#### WASHINGTON, To-day.

The signature of a contract to construct a super-liner to replace the Leviathan at a cost of \$11,900,000, is confirmed by Mr. Daniel C. Hooper, Secretary for Commerce. The contract was signed by the United States Lines and the Newport News Shipbuilding Co., but is effective only when Mr. Hooper has approved it and an application for the construction loan.

The Federal Government is permitted to lend up to 10 per cent of the construction cost. — Reuter.

## POURPARLERS CONTINUED

### Dramatic Meetings In Rome

#### AMBASSADORS RECEIVED

CHINA MAIL — SPECIAL

Rome, To-day. The dramatic pourparlers concluded by the Paris peace proposals were held yesterday, when the Secretary of State, Signor Sforza, conferred with the British Ambassador after having on the preceding day received the French Ambassador for a lengthy talk.

It is officially stated that these discussions will be fully concerned with the drawing up of the budget for 1936-37. — Trans-Ocean Italian diplomatic representatives.

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Rome, To-day.

A serious reverse suffered by the Italian army is admitted by Official War Bulletin No. 73, issued yesterday, which states that the Italian forces, after stubborn resistance, were compelled to retreat 20 kilometres from Maitinchet, a ford on the River Takazee, about 65 kilometres southwest of Aksum, and to take up a position on the Dembeguina Pass. The attacking Abyssinian forces were estimated at 3,000.

At the same time the Abyssinian troops crossed the river lower down and executed a flanking movement in the district of Shire, where fighting is still in progress, tanks and aeroplanes taking an active part.

The Italian losses during the first encounter are given as four officers and nine soldiers of the home troops killed, and three officers wounded, while several dozen native soldiers were killed and wounded. The enemy losses have not yet been ascertained.

ADDIS ABABA: The Emperor of Abyssinia, after having rejected the Franco-British proposals for a settlement of the conflict as not bearing discussion, is now preparing to depart to the northern front, since in his opinion all prospects of an early peace have become very distant.

No operations are reported from either front. The equipment of the army is rapidly becoming better and better through the daily arrivals of large supplies of arms and ammunition. Red Cross detachments and field hospitals are also being despatched as quickly as possible to both fronts.

Trans-Ocean Service.

MASTEYSTEKE:

ADMAR: The Ethiopian attack, the success of which has been admitted in an Italian war communiqué, was a masterpiece of the conflict as not bearing discussion.

Taking advantage of clouds obscuring the moon the Ethiopians forded the river at 2 a.m. and took up attacking positions on the right bank, and at 4 a.m. charged the outposts of the Italian second army corps, who were surprised.

Machine-guns fire temporarily checked the Ethiopians, but the Ethiopian main body now crossed the river as openly as possible in order to draw the Italian fire and divert attention from the other Ethiopian movement. In the zone of fire forward Italian field houses had to be abandoned, and

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in London and Paris on Monday, should not be interpreted as indicating a new phase of the negotiations, although it is not impossible that some important point concerning certain points has already been demanded in Paris and London.

Essentially, however, the situation prevailing since the handing in of the Franco-British proposals has been left unchanged by the last conversations.

It is also announced that the December meeting of the Italian Cabinet Council will take place on December 20, and that the discussions will be fully concerned with the drawing up of the budget for 1936-37. — Trans-Ocean Italian diplomatic representatives.

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## INWARD MAIIS.

## FROM EUROPE

Soudan ..... Dec. 24  
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Dec.

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Hakusan Maru ..... 20  
Pres. Hayes ..... 20  
Emp. of Japan ..... 20  
Pres. Hayes ..... 20  
Asama Maru ..... 21  
Nalders ..... 21  
Potsdam ..... 21  
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## FROM STRAITS &amp; INDIA

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Tokukshima Maru ..... 21  
Soudan ..... 21  
Tsushima Maru ..... 21  
Decauville ..... 21  
Talma ..... 21  
Titan ..... 21  
Hajputana ..... 21

Dec.

Pres. Hoover ..... 13  
Emp. of Japan ..... 20  
Pres. Hayes ..... 20  
Pres. Grant ..... 21

## FROM U.S.A.

Pres. Hoover ..... 13  
Emp. of Japan ..... 20  
Pres. Hayes ..... 20  
Pres. Grant ..... 21

## FROM MANILA

Kumo Maru ..... 13  
General Lee ..... 20  
Tjikembang ..... 21  
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Dec.

Eugenio Aires Maru ..... 18  
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Hakusan Maru ..... 20  
Emp. of Japan ..... 20  
Pres. Hayes ..... 20  
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## FOR EUROPE

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Hakusan Maru (via Marseilles) ..... 20  
Closes: Reg. 5 p.m. Ord. 6 p.m.  
Pres. McKinley (via Siberia) ..... 20  
Closes: Reg. 4.15 p.m. Ord. 5 p.m.  
Kashima Maru (via Siberia) ..... 21

Dec.

FOR STRAITS AND INDIA

Buenos Aires Maru ..... 19  
Hakusan Maru ..... 20

## FOR MANILA

Pres. Hoover ..... 19  
Emp. of Japan ..... 28  
Pres. Hayes ..... 24  
Tjinegara ..... 24

Dec.

POB SHANGHAI

Kashima Maru ..... 20  
General Lee ..... 20  
Pres. McKinley ..... 20

## WOMEN'S PAGE

## Woman's Radio Triumph

## And Successes In Other Fields

## Queen Of Junkets At The Agricultural Show

[From Our Own Correspondent]

London, October 31.

amateur broadcasters in Assam (India) Maryborough (Australia), Uruguay, London, Algiers and West Palm Beach (Florida).

The broadcaster in Algiers was a Frenchman. Miss Corry had met on a cruise recently, while the man transmitting in South America was a Spaniard. He was so impressed that he asked Miss Corry to send him a photograph.

"Freak" atmospheric conditions caused by a new cycle of sunspots contributed to Miss Corry's success. Her performance is being accepted as proof that sunspots vitally affect low-wave broadcasting. Mr. John Claricoats, secretary of the British Amateur Radio Society, describes the achievement as of vital importance to the future of low-wave commercial broadcasting.

## Queen Of Junkets

Three women who make junks "sit up and think" have been winning trophies and titles in London this week at the Royal Agricultural Show.

Mrs. Farmer comes first. She has been unanimously voted "Queen of Junkets."

On her honeymoon, just over fifty years ago, her husband, a young Devon farmer, told her of the wonders of junkets. Devonshire's famous dish.

Her call signal is G2 YL. The YL stands for "young lady." All conversations were in Morse code and they spread over a period of six hours twenty minutes between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. During that time Miss Corry spoke with

## FOR JAPAN

Kumo Maru ..... 15  
General Lee ..... 20  
Pres. McKinley ..... 20

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General Lee ..... 20  
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Shoes have joined the parade of military fashions, with high cut lines, broad straps, yards of braid and such soldierly colours as Burgundy red, marine blue, Arabby green, rust and ginger. An interpretation of the military name is a Burgundy red kidskin shoe which fastens over the instep with laced straps, and is decorated with gold buttons. Another square toed model of green kidskin features square gilt eyelets and braid trim.

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the rule on her father's farm—but Miss Matthews says she would not work in a city for all the money in the world.

## "Maid Of Junkets"

The third woman honoured at the Show is 24-year-old Miss J. M. Bickley of Sidbury, Devon. If veteran Mrs. Farmer is "Queen of Junkets," she is certainly Britain's "Maid Of Junkets" for she has won the Daily Mail challenge bowl and silver medal for junket-making.

Miss Bickley works on her mother's farm. While at school, she studied farming scientifically. Although only 24, her knowledge and experience are already renowned in Devon.

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## IS THE AEROPLANE SUPREME?

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This does not mean that surface ships are obsolete. There are ranges of the oceans which shore-based aircraft cannot reach. There protection for merchant shipping must be provided by surface ships equipped with aircraft. There are coastlines and rivers of the world that must still be policed by surface ships. Thus, surface ships are still required, but they must be heavily armed with aircraft. Ours are not.

## Vulnerable

To-day our Fleet is concentrated in the Mediterranean. What would it do if war broke out? Around 116 shore-based aircraft within striking range of its every movement, within range of its every harbour. What would happen if it had to defend itself against attack from the air?

It could be attacked both in harbour and at sea. Such attacks could be delivered by bombing aeroplanes capable of speeds up to 248 miles an hour. Attacks would be made with heavy bombs such as have sunk battleships in trial tests by American bombing planes, and with thermite or elite bombs. Thermite and elite burn at a temperature around 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

We know of no substance that will extinguish them. Their blinding heat can burn through steel. Thermite bombs are small, from 6oz. to 20 lb. in weight. They could be dropped in showers upon the steel decks, like demoniac hailstones, from a height beyond the range of guns. They might fire the magazines, and burning elite, in contact with water, gives off a poisonous gas. Heavy bombs would penetrate the weakened decks or detonate in the water alongside.

What answer can the Navy make? Its total complement of front-line aeroplanes is 171. It has no bombers comparable in speed, range, or carrying capacity with those I have just mentioned.

Supreme Protection

Ground forces could be attacked with light and heavy high-explosive and shrapnel bombs by modern high-speed bombers. A rain of small thermite or elite bombs would scour the troops to death. And for the laying of gas there is no more efficient instrument than the aeroplane, which can spread a fine rain of poisonous liquid, rapidly contaminating a large area with death-dealing gas.

It is time to get our perspective right. How much longer must we remain as we are, to-day, seventh air power in the world, fifth in Europe? How much longer must we witness other nations building heavy bombers faster than ours, with a speed equal to and higher than that of our fighters? The expansion of the Air Force so far authorised will not rectify that position by April 1937.

Make no mistake, times have changed. The aeroplane is supreme among the striking forces in the world to-day. The British Navy must have more aeroplanes to give it hitting power. To-day, lacking the protecting shadow of the wings, that are supreme, it risks a second Coronel.

## BRIDGE NOTES

## LAYDOWN SLAM

By E. J. Culbertson

Most slam hands should be played in a suit rather than in notrump, in order that tricks may be developed by ruffing. The hand below, however, was played in notrump rather than at six clubs because North was anxious to have the opening lead come up to the strong South hand.

North-South vulnerable

North:-

S-9 H-K J 8 3

D-3 2 C-K Q J 8 7 4

West:-

S-J 5 4 H-10 9 4 2

D-A Q 5 C-10 5 5

East:-

S-Q 10 7 3 H-7 6

D-10 8 6 4 C-9 3 2

South:-

S-A K 8 6 2 H-A Q 5

D-K J 9 7 C-A

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered ex-planetary paragraphs.)

South West North East

1S. Pass 2C. Pass

3D.(1) Pass 3H.(2) Pass

4NT(3) Pass 5C. Pass

5H.(4) Pass 6NT(5) Pass

1-With more than five honour-tricks, South feels sure, after his partner has responded to the opening bid, that a game can be made.

2-A rebid of the club suit would push mere routine too far. The cheap opportunity to show the four-card heart holding should not be spurned.

3-The immediate bid of four notrump is excellent. It avoids a pitfall. Were South to show his preference for hearts, or rebid his spades, with notrump, and if the final contract was notrump, an opening lead through the diamond holding might be fatal. It is imperative that the notrump contract be played by the South.

4-After North's weak response to the four-notrump bid, South can do no better than to show his preference of North's two suits and leave the rest to North.

5-A very fine bid, based on the natural inferences from South's leap to four notrump. South could scarcely make this bid without at least three Aces and without strong support for one, or both of North's suits. North has no hesitation in going to a slam and he naturally chooses a notrump contract to protect the possible tenace holdings in spades and diamonds in the South hand.

Of course, the Slam was a laydown, as there were 12 top tricks without a finesse—six in clubs, four in hearts and two in spades. If the hand had been played at six clubs, East might have opened a diamond. In this case West would have taken the setting tricks before North could get the lead.

## ROTARY MEETING

## Prof. Shellshear On Origin Of Man

At yesterday's tiffin meeting of the local Rotary Club, held in the Roof Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel, Professor J. L. Shellshear, in the course of an intensely interesting address on "Recent Discoveries in Relation to the Evolution of Man," said that the centre of research in this line was gradually shifting to the Far East.

The speaker was introduced by Professor L. Forster, President of the Club, who said that Professor Shellshear was leaving the Colony shortly for Australia. During his stay in Hong Kong he had done valuable archaeological and research work in conjunction with leading authorities.

Among the guests present were Dr. C. C. Robertson, Shanghai; Mr. Wilson, Poochow; Dr. H. T. White and Mr. A. T. Price.

## Amusements

## Cinema Notes

## "DIAMOND JIM"—KING'S THEATRE

"Diamond Jim," the glittering screen play based on the life of James Buchanan Brady, the first of the super-salesmen, the man who made the gay "nineties" gay, opens to-day at the King's Theatre.

"Diamond Jim" is the man who wore \$2,000,000 in jewels; who offered a billion Russell \$1,000,000 to marry him; who made a fortune of \$12,000,000 from a start of \$31; and who gave millions to charity and friends, and steel cars to America.

You will see Edward Arnold, of "Sadie McKee" fame, as "Diamond Jim"; Jean Arthur, beautiful Rinie Barnes as "Lillian Russell"; Cesar Romero, Hugh O'Connell, George Sidney, Eric Blore, Robert McWade and a host of others, including Billie Hoolahan as John L. Sullivan, the famous heavyweight of the period.

Grace Moore and Tullio Carminati are in "One Night of Love" to be screened at the Star Theatre next Sunday.



## GOVERNOR SHOWS GRATITUDE

## Letter Of Thanks To Sir H. Pollock

## HIS EXCELLENCY ADMires SKILLED CRAFTSMANSHIP

The following letter has been received by Sir Henry Pollock from the Honourable Colonial Secretary, Sir Thomas Southorn:

Sir—I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to convey to you personally, and through you, to the members of the Public Reception Committee and the people of Hong Kong and in particular to Sir William Shenton, the Chairman of the Reception Sub-Committee, His Excellency's most sincere thanks for the warm welcome accorded to him on the occasion of his arrival in the Colony.

His Excellency has received with very much pleasure the English and Chinese copies of the Address of Welcome and in thanking you for them he wishes to express his admiration for the skilled craftsmanship which adorned both the addresses and the handsome casket in which they were contained.

His Excellency further desires me to convey to yourself and to the other Members of the Committee his appreciation of the excellent arrangements, and the able manner in which they were carried out, at the ceremony of the presentation of the Addresses of Welcome at Volunteer Headquarters.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
W. T. Southorn,  
Colonial Secretary.

## RADIO

## TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 365 metres (845 K.C.H.).

## A LITTLE ABOUT THE DUTCH EAST INDIES

The Music Makers

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme

2.30 p.m.—Recorded Music

1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report

1.15 p.m.—Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra

1.30 p.m.—Router Press Bulletin

1.45 p.m.—Close Down

4.45 p.m.—Chinese Programme

7.15 p.m.—European Programme

7.30 p.m.—Recitals from Light Opera and Musical Comedy Selection

7.45 p.m.—Jolly Roger Selection

7.55 p.m.—Glamorous Night

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report

8.05-8.10 p.m.—Indian Love Lyrical (Woodcock-Finden)

8.10-8.40 p.m.—From the Studio Selections by "The Music Makers"

8.40-9 p.m.—Cancan Waltzes

9 p.m.—Women and Song (Strauss)

9.15 p.m.—Moonlight on the Alster (Fetzer)

The Merry Widow (Lehar)

Count of Luxembourg (Gong)

Amorettissimo (Gong)

9.30-10 p.m.—A Relay of the Davenby News Bulletin (Copyright by Reuters)

10.15-9.40 p.m.—Variety

10.30 p.m.—Sweet Adeline

# Sporting Page



## ENGLAND'S RUGBY TEAM PROBLEMS FOR ALL-BLACKS GAME



### CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND SOCCER CLASH

#### Several Well-Known Players Omitted

#### KOWLOON APPEAR BETTER BALANCED TEAM

Miss M. Westcott, above, will replace Miss E. Thomson, in the "Y" Ladies' senior Seven-a-Side hockey team in the semi-final round next Saturday.

### CORRESPONDENCE

#### Civilian Hockey Eleven

To The Editor, "China Mail": Sir, Having witnessed all the civilian hockey trials, and as a lover of the game, I crave your courtesy in allowing me space to express my views on the selected players whose names appeared in the local press.

The defence in my opinion is sound except that M. H. Hassan of the Radio should have been in the pivot position with W. Reed on his right or vice-versa. I think gross injustice will be done if Awtar Singh is not given the centre-forward position. No doubt G. Singh is good, but the display he put up shows that he is only faster than Awtar Singh, otherwise the latter is trickier and has much better ball control.

I commend the following forward line for the selection committee's due consideration, and I hope it is not too late:—

Divett, G. Singh, Awtar Singh, Pinto and Souza. Although Nooy is faster than Souza, he has a tendency to be off-side too often, and his stickwork is not as good as Souza's. Besides Souza and Pinto combine well, and the Selection would do well to select him.

In conclusion I beg to point out that I am not personally acquainted with any of the above players. I am only voicing my opinion as I would like to see the best Civilian side turned out against the Services.

E. S. L.



### INTERPORT SOCCER DATE FIXED

#### Chinese Players Who Can Go If Selected

It has now been ascertained that Lemong Wing-chui, Lee Kwok-wai, Wong Mei-chun and Tso Kwaisheng will be available if chosen for the Interport game against Shanghai.

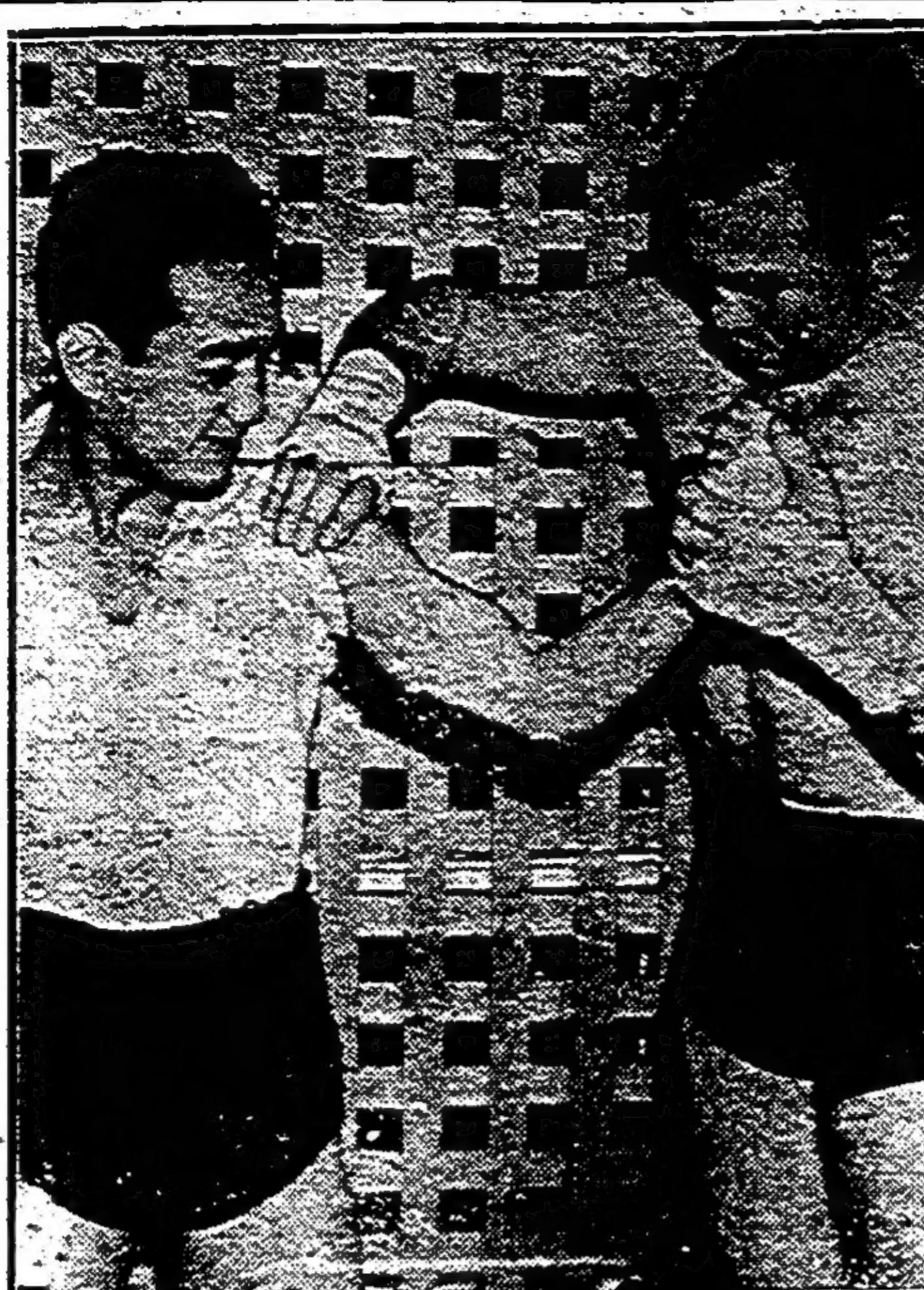
There is also a possibility that Lee Wai-tong may also travel north.

The Interport Committee have not been idle and much preliminary work has already been accomplished.

A letter has been received from Shanghai suggesting that the Interport game should be played on Chinese New Year's day, January 24, and stating that Tientsin may also be participating in the series. Shanghai want the Colony team to arrive on January 22.

### T. B. LOW QUALIFIES FOR ADAMSON CUP

Returning a card of 88-16-53, T. B. Low qualified for the Adamson Cup (December) at Happy Valley over the week-end. There were 11 other entries.



Before his fight with Lou Salas, bantamweight boxing champion of the world, Sixto Escobar, of Puerto Rico, left, was approved by his room-mate Paulino Uzcudun, the Basque wood chopper, who was recently beaten on a T.K.O. decision by Joe Louis, the Detroit sensation, in New York.

### HOCKEY CLASSIC TO-DAY

#### NEW ZEALANDERS TO PLAY IN CANADA

#### An Additional Match Against The Barbarians

London, November 18.

Engineer-Commander S. F. Cooper, secretary of the New Zealand Tour Committee, states that arrangements have been made by the New Zealand Rugby Football Union for the New Zealanders to play matches in Vancouver on their homeward journey.

The team will leave Liverpool for Canada on Friday, January 10. These arrangements will preclude the tourists extending their trip to allow an additional match with Barbarians.

### "SUNDAY HERALD" CUP TEAMS

#### FOR SEMI-FINAL ROUND TIES

The following are three of the teams for Semi-final Rounds of the Sunday Herald Charity Cup competitions on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Scotland—Rodger (Club); Blackburn (Police) and Hill (Club); Gilchrist (Club); German (East Lancs) and Knight (Leymen); McLeary (East Lancs); Mathews (Stonecutters); D. Knox (Kowloon); Howlett (Engineers) and Forbes (Stonecutters).

Portugal—R. Marques (Recreio); A. V. Gomes (Recreio) and V. Costa (St. Joseph's); N. Delgado (Recreio); N. Belizao (Recreio); J. Elms (St. Joseph's); T. Castillo (Recreio); A. Ward (St. Joseph's); B. Gomes (Recreio); J. Gomes (Recreio) and A. A. Alves (Recreio).

China—Pan Ka-ping; Lee Tin-sang and Tam Kong-pak; Lemong Wing-chui, Wong Mei-chun and Lee Kwok-wai; Tso Kwaisheng; Fung King-cheung; Lee Wai-tong; Ip Pak-wa and Chan Kwei-liang.

#### RECORD INTERNATIONAL GATE RECEIPTS

The attendance and receipts for the recent international between Wales and Scotland at Ninian Park, Cardiff, were a record for any football international match in Wales, the attendance being 37,568 and receipts £2,704 11s. 2d.

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### New Golf Ball With Much Shorter Flight To Be Tested

(By GEORGE GREENWOOD)

London, November 21. Convinced that the modern golf ball goes too far and, thereby, is ruining the game, a body of London golfers have decided on an interesting experiment.

I have been invited to make one of 12 players to engage in a match of 12 players to engage in a match on December 2 against the first six players of Oxford University and the first six of Cambridge

### ADRIAN QUIST'S TRIUMPH

#### Defeats Crawford For N.S.W. Title

#### BRILLIANT OVERHEAD PLAY

(By "FAIR FIELD")

London, November 21. Only the other day I suggested that Adrian Quist, who had a much better record than J. H. Crawford on their recent South African tour, might soon challenge the supremacy of the Australian champion in his own country.

Now the Adelaide player has deprived Crawford of his title in the New South Wales championship at Sydney, which he won by beating Perry in the final last year.

Fine Allrounder

Quist, holder with Crawford of the Wimbledon and French doubles championship, has hitherto shone more brightly in doubles, where his overhead play has often

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University, in which a new type of ball will be used.

Of bramble marking, a comparatively thick cover and the core not being at the same high tension, the ball is of the same size as the one now in common use but lighter. Characteristics of the experimental ball are a loss of 20 yards in distance in calm weather, 50 yards against a strong wind and 15 yards down wind.

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#### 10-DAY JUNIOR SCHILD MATCH

The European Police Football team will meet the Lincoln on the Kowloon Football Club ground to-day at 2.30 p.m. in the Second Round of the Junior Shield Competition.

### GADNEY & CRANMER ONLY CERTAINTIES

#### DIFFICULTIES WHICH SELECTORS MUST MEET

#### WHAT OF THE HALVES?

(By Howard Marshall)

London, November 20.

NOW that the Scottish selectors have named the men who are to meet New Zealand at Murrayfield next Saturday we begin to think seriously of representative football. The England selectors, no doubt, have been thinking seriously for some time, but I cannot believe that they have come to any very satisfactory conclusions. I am almost tempted to make a small wager with those of my readers who fancy themselves at picking teams.

Almost tempted, but not quite, such is my regard for their sapience and the odd vagaries of fortune. I would be almost prepared, though—caution is strong in me this morning—to eat my travel-stained hat if anyone within the next three days makes a correct forecast of the England team which will play the All Blacks on January 4. And in this handsome offer I include the selectors themselves.

It is, in fact, a very nice problem, this building of an England team. Where, for instance, are our half-backs? C. Slow and B. Gadney, do you suggest? But Slow is crooked, and I am bound to say that before he left the field on Saturday in the Midlands and New Zealand match he had not struck his best form. Gadney certainly comes in at scrum-half, for he appears to be playing as well as ever this year, and his strength is invaluable in the big games.

I wish it were possible to be as confident about the stand-off half. We look at Wales, with C. W. Jones and W. T. H. Davies, and hum the refrain of that song from the Beggar's Opera "How happy could we be with either."

Scotland, too, may choose between R. W. Shaw and C. F. Grieve, now playing so well for Oxford. England have not a single player of undoubtedly international class, though a few names suggest themselves—J. Bowker, W. T. Anderson, J. R. Auty, G. A. Walker of the Air Force, J. A. Tallent and P. Gardner, with R. Leyland moved up from the centre as a possibility.

Cranmer's Partner

As for the centres, there is P. Cranmer, fortunately in great form again this year, but who shall we have alongside him? Probably Leyland, though there is a most promising London Scottish player, C. A. Lucas, who is qualified to represent England.

And on the wings? H. S. Sever of Sale must be in the running, and E. J. Unwin and G. W. C. Melke, and then there are old-timers like L. A. Booth and A. C. Harrison. I have a fancy for Harrison. He must be playing reasonably well, for he greatly impressed the All Blacks, and to my mind he has more football in him than all the rest put together. Still, Sever is a fine, strong runner, well worth a trial.

And full-back? There are no great full-backs, if we except H. G. Owen-Smith, who has had cartilage trouble, though he is turning out now. And if we play Owen-Smith again for England, despite his South African origin, is there any reason why we should hesitate before picking A.

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### Walter Lindrum And Clark McConachy For England Again

London, November 18.—Walter Lindrum, the Australian billiards player, has set up a new Canadian record by compiling a break of 550 at Vancouver. He thus beat his previous record of 515. The challenge of his young brother Horace has been picked up by Joe Davis, for two snooker matches of 61 frames for £100 a side. Davis, the English champion, accepted the challenge with the proviso that each would play separately and that Davis concede

seven points start in each game.

Recently Lindrum, receiving seven points start in a series of snooker matches following billiards play, defeated Davis by 14 frames to 10.

Walter Lindrum, by the way, and Clark McConachy, from New Zealand, may soon be in England again. Mr. J. C. Bannister, chairman

of the British Association, and

Control Committee, has sent a cable

to G. McCabe, 149, W. Brown

St. George's, London, S.E. 1, to

arrange a snooker championship

in London in the spring.

### PEARCE CUP SENSATION

#### "Y" LADIES LOSE PIVOT THROUGH PANTOMIME

#### Junior Team Also Handicapped

#### NEWCOMERS BROUGHT INTO TEAMS

(By "STICKS")

A minor sensation has been caused in ladies' hockey circles as the result of the withdrawal of three members of the "Y" Ladies' Senior and Junior Seven-a-Side hockey teams.

The European Y.M.C.A. are, as is well known, staging a pantomime—Dick Whittington—in which Miss E. Thomson, pivot of the senior team, Miss P. McCaw, pivot of the junior team, and Miss R. Ingram, a junior wing-half, take prominent parts.

Though the Seven-a-Sides were arranged long before the Pantomime, those responsible for the pantomime have shown a surprising disregard for their hockey members and have thus caused general disappointment.

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### INTER-HONG PING-PONG

#### Mercantile Bank Beat A.P.C.

A friendly Ping-pong match between the Mercantile Bank Sports Club and the Asiatic Petroleum Company Sports Club, played last night at the Bank, resulted in a win for the former by 45 games to 27.

Results were:—

B. O.M. Dease (M.B.S.C.)	2
beat C. C. Pereira	2-0
Appo 11w, b Waterridge	13
Snopes, run out	0
Howell, c Daniels, b Waterridge	12
Thompson, not out	0
Saunders, b Shipp	19
Westwood, c Kirkie, b Shipp	19
Catt, b Shipp	0
Foster, c and b Hoddinott	0
Bond, b Shipp	0
May, b Shipp	6
Extras	6
Total	113
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. P. W.	
Moreton	4 1 15
Hoddinott	8 1 31
Bond	1 1 11
Waterridge	7 1 40
Shipp	8.5 3 10
Royal Engineers	
b Apps	
Daniels, c Morris, b Apps	28
Moreton, c Howell, b Saunders	16
Col. E. St. G. Kirke, b Apps	17
Waterridge, c Morris, b Apps	17
Dudley, b Apps	1
Warr, b Apps	14
Collins, Morris, b Westwood	14
Shipp, c Snopes, b Westwood	4
Hoddinott, run out	4
Bond, not out	1
Extras	10
Total	111
Bowling Analysis	
O. M. P. W.	
Apps	11 1 41
Snopes	9 0 27
Saunders	3 0 10
Westwood	5 1 22

### AUSTRALIA 429 AT DURBAN

#### Chipperfield Hits Up 109

Durban, To-day. Continuing their innings yesterday morning, the Australians brought their overnight score of 230 for 4 to 429.

The South Africans had scored 167 for 3 when stumps were down. The first Test match continues to-day.

South Africa: 248 and 167 for 3 (Stedje 59).

Australia: 429 (S. McCabe 149,

A. G. Chipperfield 102, W. Brown

10, F. Darling 60, A. E. C. Lame

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### MEN'S BADMINTON DOUBLES LEAGUE CARD TO-NIGHT

#### Recreio "B's" Task At Home

#### FIRE BRIGADE AND RECREIO "A" SHOULD RECORD WINS

Five games in the Men's Doubles Badminton League will be played off this evening. Probably the best game will be that between Recreio "B" and Eliot Hall "A" as both teams are very evenly matched.

The outcome of the match between the V.R.C. and the Chinese P.C. is doubtful. St. John's will be guests to Eliot Hall "B", and here again the teams are fairly evenly contested.

To-night's programme is as follows:

Recreio "B" v. Eliot Hall "A"  
Fire Brigade v. St. Andrew's "B"  
Eliot Hall "B" v. St. John's  
V.R.C. v. Chinese P.C.

#### TAIKOO WIN AT BADMINTON

#### Odd Set Victory In Men's Doubles

The Taikoo Recreation Club recorded their second victory in the Men's Doubles Badminton League last night by defeating the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home by the odd set in nine at Wanchai.

It is worthy of note that although they were beaten, the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home aggregated a total of 62 aces against Taikoo's 148.

The results of the game were as follows:—

A. Edwards and A. B. Brown (S. and S. Home):—  
lost to T. Stainton and J. Routledge ..... 9-21  
lost to C. Summers and A. W. Norrie ..... 19-21  
beat J. Dovey and J. Gattell ..... 21-15  
J. Winfield and D. Waylen (S. and S. Home):—  
lost to Stainton and Routledge ..... 18-21  
lost to Summers and Norrie ..... 20-23  
beat Dovey and Gattell ..... 21-0  
K. Collings and J. Heath (S. and S. Home):—  
lost to Stainton and Routledge ..... 19-21  
beat Summers and Norrie ..... 21-23  
beat Summers and Norrie ..... 21-11

#### League Table To Date

	W	L	F	A	Pts
St. Andrew's "A"	4	0	32	4	8
Recreio "B"	5	4	133	12	8
Recreio "A"	4	4	0	31	5
C. R. C.	4	3	1	25	10
Fire Brigade	4	3	1	18	10
St. John's	6	3	23	21	9
St. Andrew's "B"	4	2	15	21	4
Taikoo R.C.	6	2	4	19	25
V. R. C.	4	1	3	11	25
S. and S. Home	5	0	5	17	23
Eliot Hall "A"	0	0	0	0	0
Eliot Hall "B"	0	0	0	0	0
Kowloon Tong	5	0	5	10	35

#### MATCHES POSTPONED

The Taikoo Recreation Club have postponed their Men's Doubles Badminton encounters against the Club de Recreio "A" and the Fire Brigade Recreation Club for to-night and to-morrow night, respectively.

#### HOCKEY CLASSIC TO-DAY

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Bates will probably play at left-half, while Terley, who is shortly leaving for home, has been dropped.

Following his brilliant form in the Civilian trials, S. A. Fowler is a most likely selection for a forward berth in place of Mackay, who has not played in many games this season.

The following are the probable teams:

Royal Navy—A. B. Owens (Medway); Lt. Comdr. Broome (Rainbow) and Lt. Comdr. Gush (Medway); Lt. Comdr. Bratt (Duncan), Lt. Davies (Captain) (Duncan) and Lt. Comdr. McCoy (Medway); Lt. Laine (Dorsetshire), Sub. Lt. Wraith (Phoebe), Sub. Lt. Batterby (Duncan), Lt. Burch (Partham) and Lt. Comdr. Banks (Penshurst).

Club—H. S. Shields; J. E. Potter (Cape) and G. Sommer; J. G. Cotesworth; W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates; K. G. Woodhouse; S. A. Fowler; G. E. R. Divett; D. Carey and D. L. Nooy.

#### ADRIAN QUIT'S TRIUMPH

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dominated matches. But this son of a State cricketer has enjoyed surprising singles triumphs before.

A year ago he actually defeated Party in Melbourne with the loss of only two games in three sets.

#### COMPENSATION FOR WALSH

A specialist appointed by the Football League has confirmed the view that Walsh, the Brentford forward, formerly of the Arsenal, is permanently unfit for football owing to knee injury. Walsh is thus assured of compensation.

#### FIRST ROAD RELAY

History was made in women's athletics when the Ilford Ladies' A.C. organised a road relay race, the first of its kind for women, from their headquarters at Chigwell Row. Teams of six competed, each member running a lap of about 1½ miles, the total distance of the race being about 10½ miles.

#### THE BEST EVER

J. P. G. Lyngate's hitting against E. Desmett in the Covered Courts' Championships was the best I have ever seen anywhere—S. N. Doust.

#### TANNER FOR SLOUGH RUGBY CLUB

C. C. Turner, former English International, will play when available for Slough Rugby Club.

### MYSTERY OF JACK PETERSON'S DISAPPEARANCE

#### WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN

#### "PA" SPEAKS OF THE "SILLY STORIES"

(By W. F. SANDERSON)

London, November 13.

Where is Jack Peterson, the heavy-weight champion of Great Britain, hiding?

On Monday he returned from his honeymoon, spent on a cruise, and last evening he was expected at the Wembley arena, where heavy-weight boxers from all over the world were fighting.

When I saw "Pa" Peterson, the boxer's father who has always done all the talking for this fighting family, and asked him if Jack was present, this was the reply that will surprise all those who know how close the champion and his father have been:

#### "UP TO JACK"

"I cannot tell you whether Jack is coming or not. There is a seat for him next to mine, but I have not seen him or even heard from him since his return. I am told he is in London, but really I know no more than that."

I suggested to Mr. Peterson senior that it was time the mystery of the Peterson family was cleared up—"Pa" Peterson, of course, has been manager to his son.

"I agree with you," was his reply, "that it is time the silly stories were stopped. There is nothing to clear up so far as I am concerned, and it is up to Jack to clear the air."

Peterson did not turn up—the seat reserved for him was never occupied.

#### PORT VALE IN DUMPS

Driven to desperate measures by their disquieting position, Port Vale made a daring experiment at Leicester by playing an amateur, Roy Burns, as their outside-right, though he had never previously appeared in League football.

He did not let them down. In fact, later in the match when he had to inside right owing to an injury to Johnson, he was one of the most successful members of the attack. It was only on the previous day that Port Vale signed Burns from Wolverhampton Wanderers, for whom he had played as a reserve.

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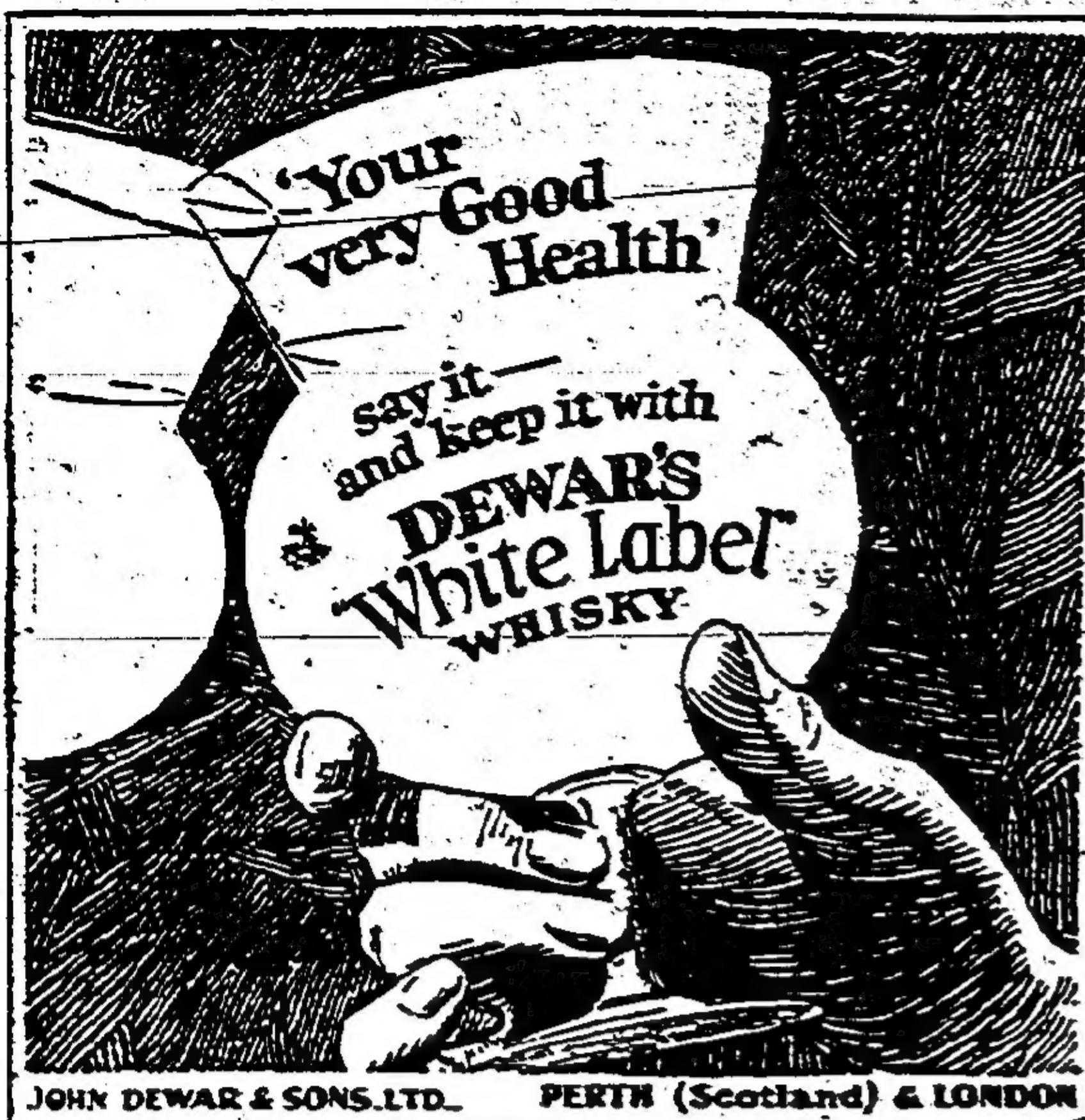
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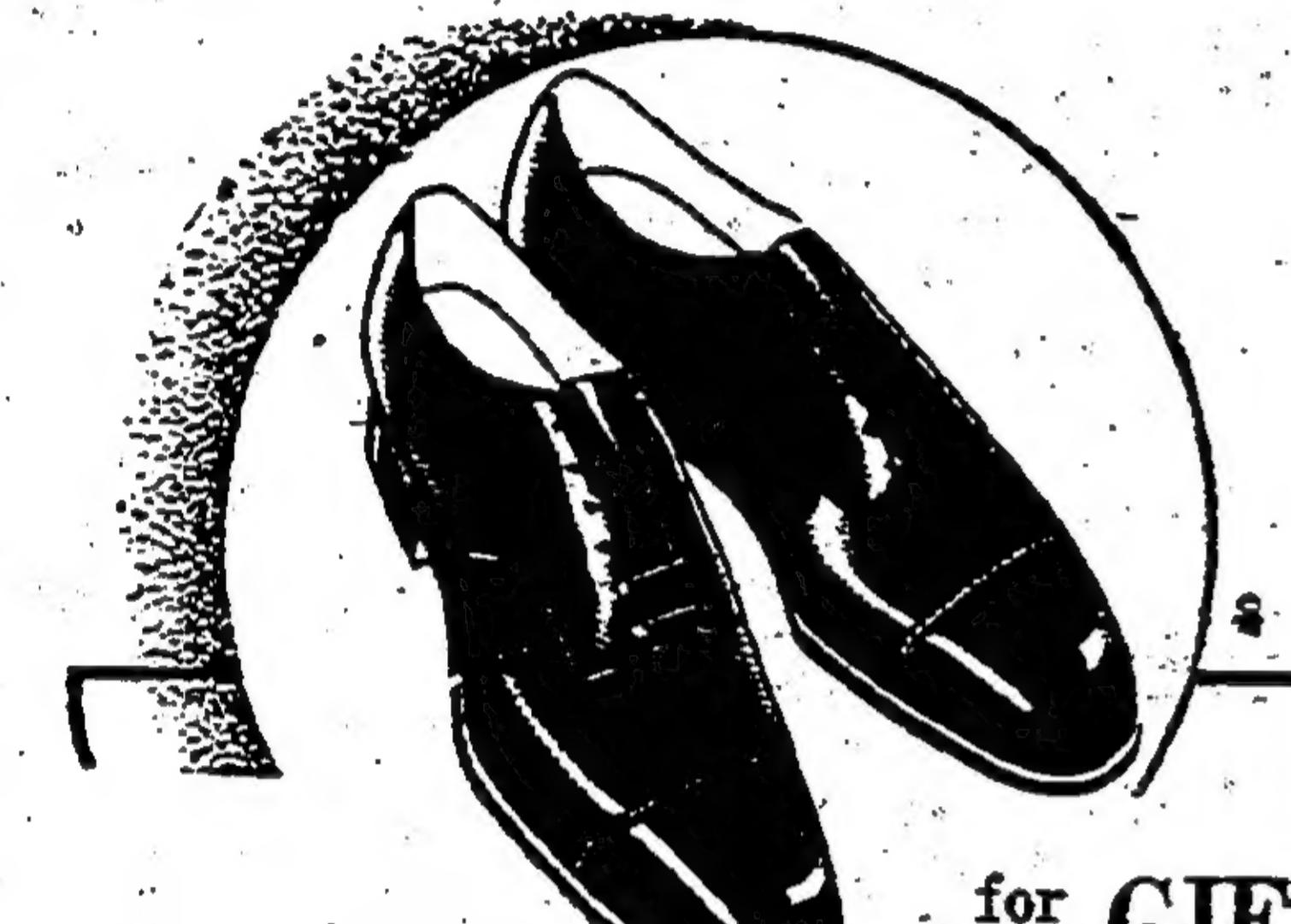


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EXPLANATION OF  
YESTERDAY'S  
CARTOON

## A Tamed Porcupine

THOUGH the porcupine is a docile, peaceable little animal when left to go his own way, he is, by reason of his powerfully defensive quills, feared by man and beast alike when stirred to battle. Only in very rare instances have zoologists been able to tame a porcupine to any degree, but A. Dean Lindsay, of Tampa, Florida and Hollidaysburg, Pa., has one that he has tamed and domesticated himself. He keeps it around his home at all times, and carries it with him wherever he goes.

The Narrowest  
Building

## Winter Charity

No sooner do we get our overcoats out of cold storage than there comes an outbreak of flag-days, all no doubt for worthy objects, promoted by societies that are woefully underfinanced for the work they undertake. We know that our money will be well used. But this year it is difficult to maintain the old rate of subscription, and all the societies report a falling off of revenue. We had an unusually long spell of hot weather, and that means that we shall very likely have a severe turn of cold.

It is also the usual thing that we discuss how the distress could be relieved on an adequate scale and come to the conclusion that a remedy is hard to find, or impossible. Sir William Peel took great interest in the question of overcrodding, and in the end admitted that he could not think of any solution. There is the Society for the Protection of Children, for instance, which saves many lives with a few dollars, and might save many more, to say nothing of building up better nourished and more healthy children who would be happier as well as more useful citizens. The St. John Ambulance Association saves an amount of pain and illness that is altogether out of proportion to its slender resources. The Street Sleepers' Mission is practically a necessity, for after a long spell of heat such cold as we have had these last few nights would be fatal.

Only familiarity makes us callous to these demands. It is a bad time to ask the Government for bigger grants, though we do think that more might be done to help the voluntary associations by the appointment of Inspectors, as has been done in the case of the *Mu Tsai*. Is it really just that other equally helpless people should be comparatively neglected merely because no questions are asked about them in Parliament and no delegates of the League of Nations come round to make an inspection? After all, the *Mu Tsai* system was invented to save children from starvation and does actually serve that purpose. To judge from the reports, they are much less exposed to the worst rigours of hunger and cold than many hundreds of children that receive no official attention whatever.

This year the early crop of charity was reaped by sellers of roses for the Confucian schools. We should not have selected that object as the most urgent and needy. In fact we should not have thought it a fit cause for a flag-day at all. When flag-days became a nuisance in England they were brought under regulation to prevent undue multiplication and misapplication of funds. Is there any objection to adding this function to the already manifold duties of the police? It would not seem that application for a date and the issue of badges would be a very onerous thing to deal with. Nothing dampens the stream of charity more quickly than a doubt about whether receipts are properly applied and accounted for. But the argument that there would be no end to applicants if all were helped seems to demand a more radical treatment.

Our own suggestion, made several times before, is that in

Here  
There  
and  
Everywhere.

## MAUGHAM'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY

After an interval of several years spent mainly in his Riviera home and in London, Mr. Somerset Maugham is off on his travels again.

He left Southampton recently for the United States. Thence he will go to some island—this time not in the South Seas, but in the West Indies.

Mr. Maugham has just finished a novel form of autobiography.

In it he describes various aspects of his life and his attitude towards them then and now.

The book will be published shortly.

## HEBREW SCHOLAR

Dr. Kirkpatrick, Dean of Ely, who is retiring at the age of 86 is probably the foremost Hebrew scholar in England and was at one time Regius Professor of Hebrew at Cambridge.

He went to Ely in 1907, after nine years as Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge, his connection with the University stretching back well over half a century, for he was a tutor at Trinity as long ago as 1871. Dr. Kirkpatrick celebrated his golden wedding last year.

## Your Daily Smile!

There is a widely shared belief among Italian people in the existence of a war chest. If the one in question is that of Il Duce, it has been thrown out.

## A SAMPLE

A writer addressed a magazine editor with: "Now I'm positive you don't read them all. I submitted a story last week, and, as a test, I pasted four pages together. When the story was returned, those pages still were pasted together."

"Madam," he replied, "when I open an egg at breakfast, I don't eat it all to discover it's bad."

## Pretty Name

"What a pretty name your maid has."

"Yes. Of course, it's not her real name. We call her Dawn because she's always breaking."

## Shake!

"I'm sure I have met you somewhere."

"No doubt, I have been there often."

## Smile Awhile

"What do you think of our two candidates for Council?"

"Well, I'm glad only one can be elected."

IS THE AEROPLANE  
SUPREME?SECOND CORONEL MAY  
VISIT ENGLANDPOPULATION ENTIRELY OPEN TO  
HORRIBLE AIR ATTACKS

(By Capt. Norman Macmillan)

In our front-line trenches in France during the height of the shell shortage in 1915 we were battered mercilessly by German guns. We asked our artillery for counter-battery fire. Do you know their answer on those days? They said they had already fired their meagre quota of shells for the day and could do nothing. Our torture by heavy shelling went on. Without possibility of retaliation, the flower of British youth risked their lives in payment for the crass stupidity of British unpreparedness.

Air war is artillery war. The bombing aeroplane is in effect a long-range gun. Territory lying within a range of 500 miles from the frontier of any country possessing military aeroplanes is front-line territory. If air war breaks out in Europe the total population of Great Britain will be in the front line and find themselves—as we soldiers found ourselves in 1915—battered mercilessly, unable to help themselves, and, as things now stand, without sufficient counter-battery bombing aeroplanes for retaliation.

## Enemy Supreme

The aeroplanes of the enemy would be supreme. Neither our land nor our sea forces could attempt to counter-attack against the coastline of an enemy protected by mines, submarines, and bombing aircraft.

At Coronel the British ships were sunk because the German ships had greater gun range and speed. At Falkland the German ships were sunk because the position was reversed. Since the aeroplane is in effect a long-range gun it can prevent surface ships from coming into engagement with one another, and decide naval action at a distance far beyond the range of any ship's gun.

Aeroplanes are not a screen to be thrown out in advance of ships like destroyers. Aeroplanes are now the very guns of the ships themselves. Thus, sea strategy must be bent towards distributing the target—ships must be scattered instead of concentrated. The battle fleet with a heavy concentration of ship gunfire is rendered obsolete by the modern aeroplane. And the battle fleet that is scattered is no more a battle fleet.

## Worse Plight

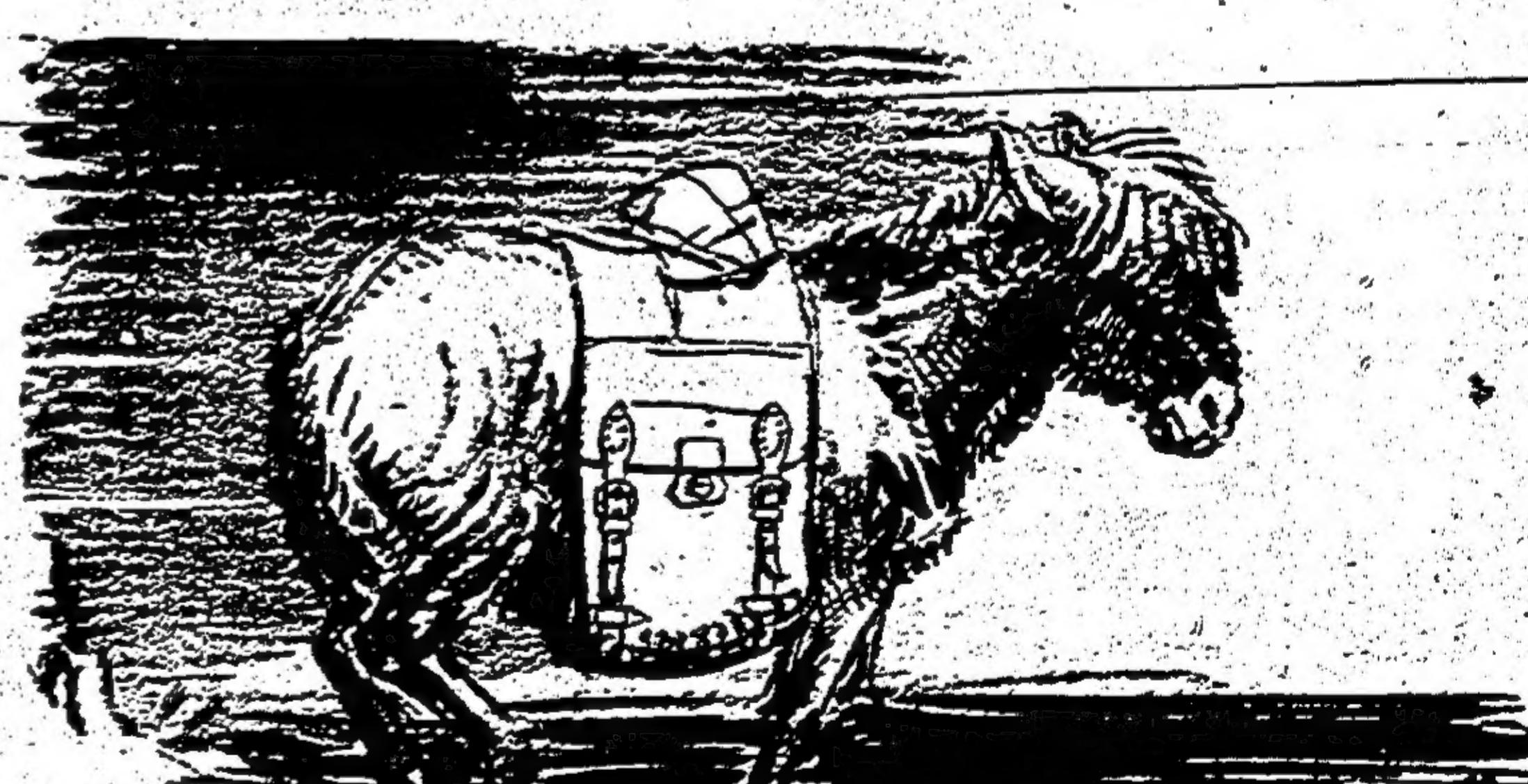
The long-range artillery of the skies will shatter them as we were shattered. But it will be worse than it was with us. For those guns of 1915 could not cut our lines of communication; they hasted four pages together. When the story was returned, those pages still were pasted together."

"Madam," he replied, "when I open an egg at breakfast, I don't eat it all to discover it's bad."

Neither sea nor land forces could help the people of Great Britain. Naval operations cease at the land. Army operations cease at the sea. Air operations continue over both. The aeroplane can attack land, sea, and under-sea forces. Neither land nor sea forces can attack the aeroplane. Anti-aircraft gunnery is a form of static defence—not a form of defence by attack—for the gunners can only engage aeroplanes when aeroplanes themselves attack. Initiative lies with the aeroplane.

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## "BELIEVE IT OR NOT" by Robert L. Ripley

LONE BURRO  
EXPRESS!

A FAITHFUL OLD BURRO TRAVELS THE TRAIL ALONE  
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Chamomile

HOUSE BUILT ENTIRELY OF INDIAN STONE  
Owned by GEORGE PETERSON, Jr.  
Indians built it in the 1800s

RALPH I. MORSE  
HAS ATTENDED CHURCH  
1000 CONGREGATION  
Indians built it in the 1800s

**"SAY IT WITH  
SONG TITLES"  
SECOND DAY'S  
STRIP**

**FREE SEATS AS PRIZES**

To-day is the second day in the "song title" contest being run in conjunction with the screening during Christmas Week of the Warner Bros. picture, "Broadway Gondolier."

Contestants are required to fill in the missing half of the conversations—recorded on the accompanying strip with appropriate song titles. These strips will be published for three days more (one set having already been published yesterday); and at the end of the contest the five sets complete must be sent in to the *China Mail* offices not later than 12 noon on Monday next.



Two Dress Circle tickets will be awarded to the senders of the ten best lists in the opinion of the Competition Editor, whose decision is final.

**LONDON EXPECTS  
BUSY CHRISTMAS**

**Best Season Since  
Depression**

**BUYERS ENCOURAGED BY  
ELECTION RESULT**

London, November 27. London's Christmas shopping season began in earnest yesterday. Only five weeks remain until Christmas, and more people than ever, it is expected, will take advantage of the annual appeal to "shop early."

The 1935 Christmas shopping campaign has been doubly affected by the General Election. It started delayed for a few days, but now that it has opened managers of leading department stores believe the season will be the busiest since the depression.

Not only the knowledge that the country is assured of a number of years' stable government is responsible, the recent remarkable improvements in industry are expected to have a marked effect upon the retail trade.

"We had striking proof to-day that many people were delaying purchasing Christmas gifts until they knew the result of the election," one sales-manager said yesterday. "Within an hour of our opening our doors this morning our special Christmas departments were full of customers, whereas last week business was comparatively quiet."

"A few years ago the public were less interested in Christmas and the opening of special gift departments as soon as this would

To-day's Short Story

**The Hampstead  
Murder** By Christopher Bush

IFE is a curious thing. That has been said so many times and experienced so many more that it is trite enough to be boring. But surely its divergencies and its strange juxtapositions are not in themselves boring. Take from life its undoubted and verified coincidences, and where is the spirit of adventure?

The name was not a well-known one. He had, however, to his credit three novels, two having as theme the eternal triangle and the other concerned with those small coterries which are to be found in the Riviera. Of these novels the last had sold well, a matter of gratification to its author, but purely from pride of workmanship. Money is always useful but another four or five hundred added to his own net fifteen would have made no enormous difference.

Because of a bankruptcy in Cornwall a Yarmouth fishing smack goes down at sea. A man writes a letter to *The Times* and the result is the Hampstead Murder. "A bit far-fetched, surely?" you say.

I don't know. Let's take a look at the last and then we may perhaps judge of the others.

You may not recall the Hampstead Murder. There is no special reason why you should. It created no excitement whatever. A woman—a lady if you like—was found strangled in a drawing-room. The noose was round her neck and the affair could have been one of seconds only. It sounds rather terrible, but after all, as murders go, it was a clean and abrupt business.

Take, for instance, the room smelling faintly of pot-pourri, charmingly furnished with a delightful period-piece or two; some really excellent china; half a dozen water-colours that were friendly and yet possessed of an air; a car-

Dorothy Prentiss fitted in well with all this. At golf, for instance, whereas her husband was a poor sixteen she could give a pet soft and seductive; chairs like single handicap man a thundering good game and play off the men's feet at that. At tennis she was

Then there was the woman, in evening gown and shimmering in incisives; a couple of hundred pounds' worth of rings on her fingers, with a face like a surprised Madonna and hair like an aurore.

There was no blood, no rarity, no signs of a struggle, but everything quiet and restrained; nothing in short but that deadly circle round the neck. Of course, later on there was the trial and the ultimate confinement during His Majesty's pleasure, but those things had to be.

From the charm of that detached house and its acre of tree-bedecked garden, it seems a long way to Porter-street. Mornington-crescent. There was a time, a very few years ago, when the Crescent had an air of grandeur, with the list of its great trees and the old dignity of its houses. Porter-street still retained something of that charm even though its Georgian buildings had become flats and private offices.

In one of these on a certain morning late in May, Lutley Prentiss was sitting. He should have been working, but he was not. In front of his swivel seat were typewriter, and in the left-hand corner was a gas fire, turned very low.

The room itself was small and decidedly cosy; one of a set of three which composed the tiny flat.

To the right a door led to the miniature kitchen, with its gas stove and dresser. In front was another door: probably that of the little sleeping room. If you had looked in you would have found it empty. But in the workroom itself the thing that caught one's eye was the tiered mass of books, scores of them, with multi-coloured backs that gave a note of gaiety to

not have been justified.

Hampers For Abroad

An early indication that this is to be a bumper Christmas has already been provided by the large number of gifts which Londoners have already ordered to be despatched to the Dominions. At a store which makes a speciality of hampers filled with seasonal provisions, it was stated yesterday that more parcels had been ordered for Australia in the last few weeks than for several years.

At the General Post Office it was intimated that the Christmas post to Australia had been by far the heaviest ever recorded.

"We are making preparations for an exceptionally busy season," said an official, "and it is expected that we shall need the largest extra Christmas staff that we have ever had."

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# CHRISTMAS GIFT SALE

The pleasure of shopping at Our Store during Our Christmas Gift Sale will be to your advantage. Months of preparations have been made for this event. Our Stocks are as complete and attractive, and the Prices as low as it is possible to make them. Now is the time to buy your Christmas Gifts at Our Special Christmas Gift Sale.

SHOP EARLY AT OUR STORE (ONLY 6 DAYS UNTIL XMAS)  
WE WILL SAVE YOU TIME AND MONEY (MAKE OUT YOUR GIFT LIST AND SEE US FIRST)

## GIFTS FOR FATHER! AT XMAS BARGAIN PRICES!

Fabric Gloves	\$ 1.00 pr.
"MORLEY" Leather Gloves	6.75 pr.
Silk Scarfs	1.00
Wool Scarfs	2.00
"JAEGER" Wool Scarfs	3.15
"MORLEY" Wool Slipovers	3.50
"MORLEY" Wool Pullovers	4.50
"JAEGER" Wool Slipovers	5.35
"JAEGER" Wool Pullovers	8.75
"JAEGER" Camel Hair Cardigans	15.75
Leather Sport Jackets	27.50
"MORLEY" Wool Dressing Gowns	16.50
"JAEGER" Wool Dressing Gowns	27.50
"JAEGER" Wool-Smoking-Jackets	25.00
"ROYAL" Dress Shirts	6.50
Dress Bow Ties	2.25
"HOLLYVOGUE" Dress Ties	2.95
Felt Slippers	4.75 pr.
"BUTTERSBY" Felt Hats	11.50

"HOLEPROOF" SILK SOCKS
"INTERWOVEN" SILK SOCKS
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"JAEGER" WOOL SOCKS
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## GIFTS FOR MOTHER! AT XMAS BARGAIN PRICES!

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## GIFTS FOR THE CHILDREN! AT XMAS BARGAIN PRICES!

Baby's 4-pcs. Wool sets	\$ 5.00
"JAEGER" Baby Wool Blankets	5.00
Baby's Silk Bonnets	2.25
Baby's Silk Plush Bonnets	2.25
Baby's White Wool Shawls	2.50
"PELICAN" 2-pcs. Wool Sets	5.85
Boy's Garter Overalls	2.50
Wool Overcoats	4.50
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Boy's Woolen Overcoat	8.50



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**"DICK WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT"**

Christmas Pantomime At Y.M.C.A.

OPENING PERFORMANCE LAST NIGHT

The opening performance of the Christmas Pantomime, "Dick Whittington and his Cat" presented by the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Club, took place last night at the Y.M.C.A. before a large and appreciative audience. Audrey Steele and Noreen Cooper as the Principal Boy and Principal Girl are attractive members of an excellent cast and add greatly to the success of the show, while catchy songs and the introduction of local colour brighten the performance.

The star turn of the evening was William Simpson in the role of Mary Ann, who put it over in his own humorous way much to the delight of all present. His special song and dance number, "Nobody loves a fairy when she's forty" was the hit of the show and well deserved the continued applause.

The children on their appearance won the hearts of all present especially in the Little Boy Blue number, in which they all excelled. Really a good show well worth seeing, and don't forget to take the children to the matinees.

The "book" of the show was written by S. A. Sweet, who has skilfully introduced much local "colour" and the production was supervised by W. Robertson.

The pantomime comprises four acts, "Highgate Hill," "On Board the 'Frantic Folly,'" "The Palace of Doomin on the Isle of Dreams," and "The Belfry," "Temple Bar, London" making the second scene of the last act.

V. Petherick is responsible for the admirable scenery and the lighting was in the capable hands of W. E. Orchard.

## The Cast

Dick Whittington - Audrey Steele  
Alice Fitzwarren - Noreen Cooper  
Alderman Fitzwarren - W. Robertson

Mary Ann - Wm. Simpson

Idle Jack - Oscar Eager

Fairy Queen - Lillian Sharpe

Horace - D. K. Paul

The Cat - R. Seik

Sultan - D. Wilson

Captain - R. Wood

Mate - W. Forsyth

Sailor - W. Muir

Bosun - R. Bates

Grand Vizier - F. Ansley

Executioner - S. Tremlett

Policeman - T. Ingram

Guard - J. Lake

Guard - W. Chidlow

The Chorus

The chorus of Artisans, Sailors, Apprentices, Harem Ladies, Etc., were: Alice Powell, Edna Offord, Nora Fuller, Edna Martin, Ruth Ingram, Marjorie Westcott, Peggy McCaw, Edie Thomson, Isobel Holland, Gwen Lakeman, Joan Lakeman, Bertha Kent and Valerie Bockler.

Children: Winnie Ingram, Hazel Millington, Sabs Jones, Joyce Hardie, Maureen Chester Woods, Betty Moy, Pauline Strange and Wendy Ansley.

Fairies: Beatrice Champeaux, Tanis Churina, Eileen Sherriff, Dawn Digby, Pamela Crofton, Kitty Dedeaglion, Patricia Pasco, Gill Stokes and Peggy Murray. (Of the Volkova School of Dancing).

## Orchestra

The orchestra comprised the following: Piano (Mrs. W. Sinclair); 1st Violin (Hubert Siedler); 2nd Violin (Barbara Brown); Saxophone (E. Huertas); Trumpet (A. Saras); Drum (W. Iles).

## Officials

Officials connected with the Pantomime include the following: Secretary (B. K. Pan); Seating Arrangements (A. J. C. Taylor); Behind the Scenes (V. Petherick); W. C. Bonz, E. Sweetman, E. W. Nichols, F. Tindall; Make-up (Mrs. Lanchester, J. C. M. Greenham); Programme Ladies (T. Booker, M. Booker, R. Jordan, M. McCaw, B. Boryer).

The performance will be repeated to-morrow and Saturday nights and matinees will be given on Friday at 5.30 p.m. and on Saturday at 3.30 p.m.

## M.P.'S REPULSE SALARIES

During last year six M.P.'s retained their Parliamentary salaries according to the Public Accounts Committee.

**MUNICIPALITY NEWS REPORTS FROM CANTON****INNER HARBOUR NEAR COMPLETION****REVENUE DECREASE OF 20 PER CENT.**

(From Our Own Correspondent)

Canton, To-day.

River steamers from Hong Kong will have to dock inside the Inner Harbour upon its completion in the immediate future, according to an announcement of the Canton Municipal Government. Construction of this harbour opposite Shamian has been in progress since August 1933.

Municipal revenues from June to November are officially stated to amount to about \$2,787,400. Figures for the corresponding period a year ago were not given, although it is understood that the present sums represent a decrease of 20 per cent.

The new electric power station at West Village will be completed by next June, according to the same source. The machinery was supplied by a local German firm.

**'UNDER GRADUETTE' ARRESTED****WOULD NOT TALK TO STRANGE MEN**

Los Angeles: A pretty undergraduate who would not talk to strange men has been rewarded with a film contract!

"Hello Day" at the University of California is an annual event, a day on which all the undergraduates, men and women, must greet each other with a smile and "Hello," whether they know each other or not.

This year there was one girl who remembered that she would only speak to men she'd been introduced to. She was Merrily Miller, aged 18, and she was "arrested" and given a mock trial for not saying "Hello" on "Hello Day."

Her picture appeared in a local newspaper and the result was a film test. Now Miss Miller has a contract and a part in the Ruth Chatterton film "No More Yesterday." - Reuter.

**JIMMY WALKER'S DOG****SUFFERING FROM HOME SICKNESS**

New York: Death rates in the United States from both accidents and homicide are the highest in the civilised world, according to a report issued by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. In an average year, the report shows, there are approximately 100,000 deaths from accidents, 20,000 suicides and 12,000 homicides.

This homicide rate is 18 times that of England and Wales. The accident rate is approximately double the British rate.

"A rather general indifference to human values" is blamed by the report for the high mortality rate from violent deaths. - Reuter.

**THIEVES BETRAYED BY PAINT****CHICKEN STEALERS SENTENCED**

Omaha—A tin of red paint was splashed by a strong wind over a flock of White Rock chickens here. Then the chickens were stolen and the red paint proved the undoing of the thieves.

Police, scouring the country-side after the theft was reported, found 165 of the marked fowl in a poultry house.

A man and his wife and three other men were arrested in connection with the theft. The husband and wife pleaded guilty, the former being sent to prison for five years and the latter receiving a five-year parole.

The others were held for trial. - Reuter.

**AMERICAN ACTS ENGLISHMAN****Otto Kruger In British Film**

Hollywood (California).—For the first time in history, so far as Hollywood can remember, an American actor is coming to England to star in a British film as an Englishman.

He is Otto Kruger, born in Toledo, Ohio, in 1885. "I believe that it shows that one

more barrier between Holly-

wood and the British film in-

dustry has fallen," he said in an interview.

**WESTERN IDEAS IN MONGOLIA**

The modern ideas of the west have penetrated into the heart of the Mongolian political centre in Peking with the opening recently of a foreign-style hotel.

**FIRE-FREE CRASHES A POSSIBILITY****BELGIAN ENGINEER'S INVENTION SUITED TO BIG MACHINES**

Brussels.

A new device to eliminate the danger of an aeroplane bursting into flames after crashing is undergoing satisfactory tests here.

Invented by the Belgian aircraft designer Renard, it enables the whole petrol tank of an aeroplane to be dropped off in the event of a crash or bad landing being unavoidable.

The ordinary valve used on many machines takes nearly two minutes to empty the tanks and then it frequently sprays the fuselage of the machine with petrol.

The new device immediately drops the complete tanks from special holders, operated by a simple lever.

The invention is claimed to be particularly suited to big machines carrying their petrol tanks in the wings. - Reuter.

**BRITISH AIR LINER WRECKED****ATALANTA CRASH IN KENYA COLONY**

Nairobi.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh was one of nine passengers in the Imperial Airways liner Atalanta, which was wrecked when it hit a tree in taking off at the Kisumu Aerodrome at 4 a.m. on Nov. 4.

The pilot, Capt. P. C. Ginn, who was bruised, and First Officer D. W. Reid, who fractured his collar bone, were taken to hospital.

The passengers were only shaken.

The Atalanta was being employed for relief purposes to make up some of the lost time on the south-bound service, originally due to Mediterranean storms. Lord Balfour of Burleigh was travelling in Africa on business.

The Atalanta is the first of a fleet of eight aeroplanes which known as of the Atalanta class which altogether have flown more than 2,000,000 miles. None of their passengers has been injured.

**CARRY A GAS GUN****AMPLE PROTECTION AFFORDED**

Washington: Carry a tear-gas gun as protection against bandits—not a revolver! That is the advice of Mr. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, better known as the "G-Men."

"A tear-gas gun is just as effective in protecting a person against attack," Mr. Hoover declared at a press conference, "and I believe it's much safer for the average motorist or private citizen. A dose of tear-gas will incapacitate a criminal."

Fire-arms require a certain amount of technical skill in operation, whereas a gas gun can be used effectively with a little practice."

Mr. Hoover regretfully added, however, that he personally had no authority to grant permission to individuals to carry gas guns.

Eventually a crowd of villagers surrounded the jackal and killed it.

The jackal entered a neighbouring village at night and snapped at sleeping villagers. Thirty-five persons were bitten. Then the jackal vanished.

Next morning the animal appeared in the village again, and savagely attacked another 15 villagers as well as a number of cattle, dogs and fowls. Eventually a crowd of villagers surrounded the jackal and killed it.

**COAL MINING RECORD**

A new record for coal mining has been established by Michael Pavlov, a Soviet miner at the Arjero Suden coal mine, who has produced 951 tons of coal in a six-hour shift using a pneumatic drill.

**Alleged Utterance Of Forged Bank Notes**

Wong Fuk-ku this morning

pleaded not guilty to two counts of uttering a forged \$50 bank note, purporting to be one issued by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, and with the possession of seven other forged notes of similar denomination, when he appeared before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. K. E. Lindsell, at the Criminal Sessions in the Supreme Court.

The following jury were empanelled to try the case: G. E. Witchell (Foreman), Chou Han-tong, Young Ching-tung, V. A. Novikov, J. C. V. Kibbey, H. J. Tebbutt and T. O'Neill.

Mr. L. H. Williams, Assistant Attorney-General, who appeared for the Crown, in outlining the facts of the case stated that the accused went into a shop in Queen's Road, Central, and pur-

**LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES**

With the assistance of Mrs. Douglas Orr, the Director, the children of the Loloia Kindergarten yesterday afternoon gave a most successful entertainment at St. Andrew's Church Hall.

One case of diphtheria and one of cerebro-spinal fever were reported to the Health Authorities for the 24 hours ended on December 16.

The R.M.S. Empress of Asia left Vancouver for this port on December 14, and is due here on the morning of Thursday, January 2, 1936. She will leave the same evening for Manila.

A Carol Concert is being given by the Hong Kong University Christian Association in the Great Hall of the University on Sunday at 9 p.m.

The Annual Speech Day of Wah Yan College will be held on Saturday at the Queen's Theatre at 10.30 a.m. Mr. G. R. Sayer, Director of Education, will distribute the prizes.

His Excellency Admiral Sir Frederic Dreyer, Commander-in-Chief, and Lady Dreyer, moved into Admiralty House (formerly Marble Hall) on Sunday and are now in residence there.

The Annual Speech Day of the Ying Wa Girls' School will take place this evening at 7 p.m. in the Hall of the Hop Yat Church, Bonham Road. Mrs. A. O. Brown will distribute the awards.

A dinner dance will be held at Repulse Bay Hotel, to-night. A special extra bus service has been arranged for the convenience of patrons attending dinner dances; in addition to the ordinary timetable.

In conjunction with their prize-giving function at the Queen's Theatre next Saturday morning, the Wah Yan College students will entertain their parents and friends with the play "Julius Caesar" and a few Chinese stage plays.

A Christmas Dance will be held at the United Services Recreation Club, Kowloon, on Friday, 9.30 p.m. to 2 a.m. A Military Dance Orchestra will be in attendance. Charge will be \$1.50 per head and Club refreshments will be provided. Sitting out accommodation will be available in a large marquee on the front lawn.

**JACKAL SENDS 50 PEOPLE TO HOSPITAL****SAVAGE ATTACK ON VILLAGE****EVENTUALLY KILLED**

Madras—Fifty people are receiving hospital treatment in Bellary for injuries inflicted by a jackal.

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## THE HAMPSTEAD MURDER

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Thereafter it might have been said by the unkind that her encouragement of his efforts was not unconnected with the material advantages which she from time to time obtained; here a piece of jewellery and there a special cheque.

But the spring months of this particular year had seen a definite kicking against the pricks. Prentiss had definitely refused to take his work down to the Riviera. His wife had, however, kept to the accepted routine and had gone to Nice with a small circle of friends. But her husband had taken the tiny flat in Porter-street for his work and slept at the club.

A fortnight previously, she had returned and it had been decided that they should go down to Hindhead together.

Then two things happened. The day of her return her only sister had been taken seriously ill and Dorothy had gone down to Carnforth. Moreover, the book was not finished. Another day or two would see it off to the publisher and in the meanwhile he remained at the flat. In the morning he was in the habit of putting in his best work. After lunch what he did depended on his mood, but more often than not he returned to his writing.

At the moment he was annoyed, and over what seemed a trivial thing. In his hand he held a copy of *The Times*, and it was at a certain letter that he was scowling. A policeman had written rather indignantly on the treatment of his profession by writers of detective novels. The police, he affirmed, were treated by them like buffoons, and authors rarely made the slightest attempt to familiarise themselves with the working of the Criminal Investigation Department.

It was not, however, the police and their methods that were worrying Prentiss, but the whole principle which the letter called in question. He himself had always been careful to use in his books only such local colour as he was familiar with and matters with which he had at least a working acquaintance.

But in this last novel he had made use of something of which he was not absolutely sure: a private detective agency. The chapter concerned was almost the last in the book and, anxious as he had been to get the whole thing over and done with, he had taken a good deal for granted. Such an agency would have, for instance, an office. Well, offices were much of a muddle, and its appearance could be guessed. And so with the imaginary head of the firm, the conversation, and all the things that go to make up colour.

Some people would have seen no connection between *The Times* letter and the chapter in question. They would have argued that in any case a private detective was very little likely to set eyes on the book and that the man in the street, provided the book held him, would not care the proverbial tuppence about the correctness of its colour.

But such a point of view was contrary to his own meticulous mind. He was, moreover, a thing

of impulses and strange obstinacies. At the moment there seemed to him to be nothing for it but to visit such an office and check up the chapter in the light of the new impressions. Hence, therefore, his annoyance.

Such a visit would be a frightful nuisance. There was, of course, the chance that his shrewd guesses had been reasonably correct and that the chapter would not have to be rewritten, but whether that were so or not, there would be the time wasted over the book visit and that just when the book was virtually finished. To ignore the letter seemed to him to be mere carelessness. After that policeman had finished, heaven knew what people and professions would be writing to the Press about the complacent ignorance of authors. They might even set as far as names.

Dear Sir,  
I am a novel by *Lutley Prentiss* entitled "Fingaling Symbols." I was very anxious to find....

At lunch he ran into George Foster and they had the meal together.

"Suppose you haven't seen anything of St. John Claire?" asked Prentiss.

"I rather expected him to be in the club."

"Saw him about an hour ago," said George. "He's going down to Cheltenham to play for the Pilgrims to-morrow. They've got a two-day match against Peronne College."

"Two-day? They can't play on Sunday?"

"Oh, yes, they can." Peronne are Catholic and it doesn't matter a curse to them."

Prentiss took a sip of his coffee and decided to ease his mind. "I rather wanted a tip or two from him. Bit of local colour for a book. His uncle's Chief Commissioner."

"Police information? Why don't you go straight round to Scotland Yard?"

"Well, you see—well, it's like this. It's not police routine I want; it's the methods of the private detective people; not the comic ones, the real thing. He was talking about it the other night in a rather well-informed way. I thought he might recommend me a chap to see."

"If that's all you want, young feller," laughed Foster, "you're damn lucky." He hauled out a fistful of miscellaneous papers from his pocket and found a card. "Here's a frightfully good chap. Pal of mine—can't tell you his name—had him for a job of work. You go along and spin him a yarn."

Prentiss took the card and went along. He had no particular idea about what he was going to do. A peep into the office was one important thing; the general air of the place, how people spoke, a pen picture of the principal and his subordinates were others.

His taxi deposited him at the door of 173, Took-street, and on the second floor he found the notice he wanted.

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He knocked and the door was opened by a clerk.

"Can I see one of the principals, please?"

"Take a seat, please, sir. I think Mr. Holt is in. Have you a card, sir?"

Holt was in and Prentiss passed through the outer room into an office crammed with filing cabinets and books. There was the usual fist-topped desk and swivel chair. Holt, a short, dapper-looking man, rose and held out his hand.

"What can we do for you, Mr. Prentiss?"

"Well, er—"

Holt smiled reassuringly. "Secrets are safe with us, sir. We handle affairs of the utmost delicacy, and whatever is mentioned in this room goes no farther. You can rely on us, Mr. Prentiss."

Prentiss thought rapidly. He couldn't very well say: "I'm writing a novel and I'm here to pick your brains." Then he thought of the exact context in his novel and wondered if it would be possible to fit it in. Still he hesitated.

"It was a fairly trivial matter."

"That's no concern of ours, sir. If it's private inquiry work, we undertake it on a confidential basis."

"Well, that's very reassuring," said Prentiss, still playing for time. "It's possible for you to watch the movements of any person indicated to you?"

"Most decidedly, sir." Holt promptly sat down in the swivel chair and took up a pencil. Prentiss was still thinking furiously.

"Name, sir?"  
"Lutley Prentiss." Holt smiled tolerantly. "Not your name, sir. That of the person you require to be watched."

Prentiss smiled too, but not at the mistake he had made. Indeed, he almost laughed, so irresistibly comic was the idea that had come to him. But he kept a straight face.

"Oh, yes, of course. Mr. St. John Claire."

"Address?"  
"3, Oudehands Mansions, Kensington."

"And what exactly do you want, sir, and when?"

"Just a report in confidence by Monday of what he does from now until then. You can manage that?"

"Most decidedly, sir. Where do you wish the report delivered?"

"58, Porter-street, Morning-crescent. About noon, if you can manage it."

There it was left. Prentiss chuckled to himself as he went down the stairs. They'd have a bit of a job in picking up the trail in the first place and a damnably interesting piece of surveillance for the second. He walked back to the club and finding no sign of Johnny there, rang up Oudehands Mansions.

Clare's man Daniels answered the phone. Mr. Prentiss was just a minute too late. Mr. Claire had left a moment or two ago by taxi. Yes, Daniels thought he had gone to Cheltenham; at least Mr. Claire hadn't mentioned any place, but he'd taken the big cricket bag and a suitcase.

That was rather trying. Prentiss was glad he'd hit on Clare. A less intimate friend of the family might have been somewhat ruffled when he was informed of what had been going on. What was the best thing to do now? Send a wire to Cheltenham perhaps. But first of all there were those impressions to jot down and that description of Holt. By the time he had got to the flat and finished his notes he had thought of another idea.

The wire to Cheltenham couldn't be very detailed or explicit. Far better type a letter with a carbon, one copy for town and the other for Peronne College. He'd be bound to get one of them even if the second one were a bit late. It would be a fearful rag, too. He hoped the Pilgrims wouldn't chivvy the life out of that detective of Holt's when they spotted him.

Dear Johnny,

I expect you'll think me the most egotistical ass but I've done a most ridiculous thing and in your name. I was desperately in need of some local colour for an important chapter of my book—something dealing with private inquiry agents—and paid a visit to one of them. They rather had me up a gum tree by insisting on a job of work. George Foster had just told me that you were off to Cheltenham with the Pilgrims for a two-day match so I told them to keep an eye on you for this weekend! Perfectly appalling of me but I'll know you'll see the joke. I hope this letter catches you at (Continued on Page 11.)

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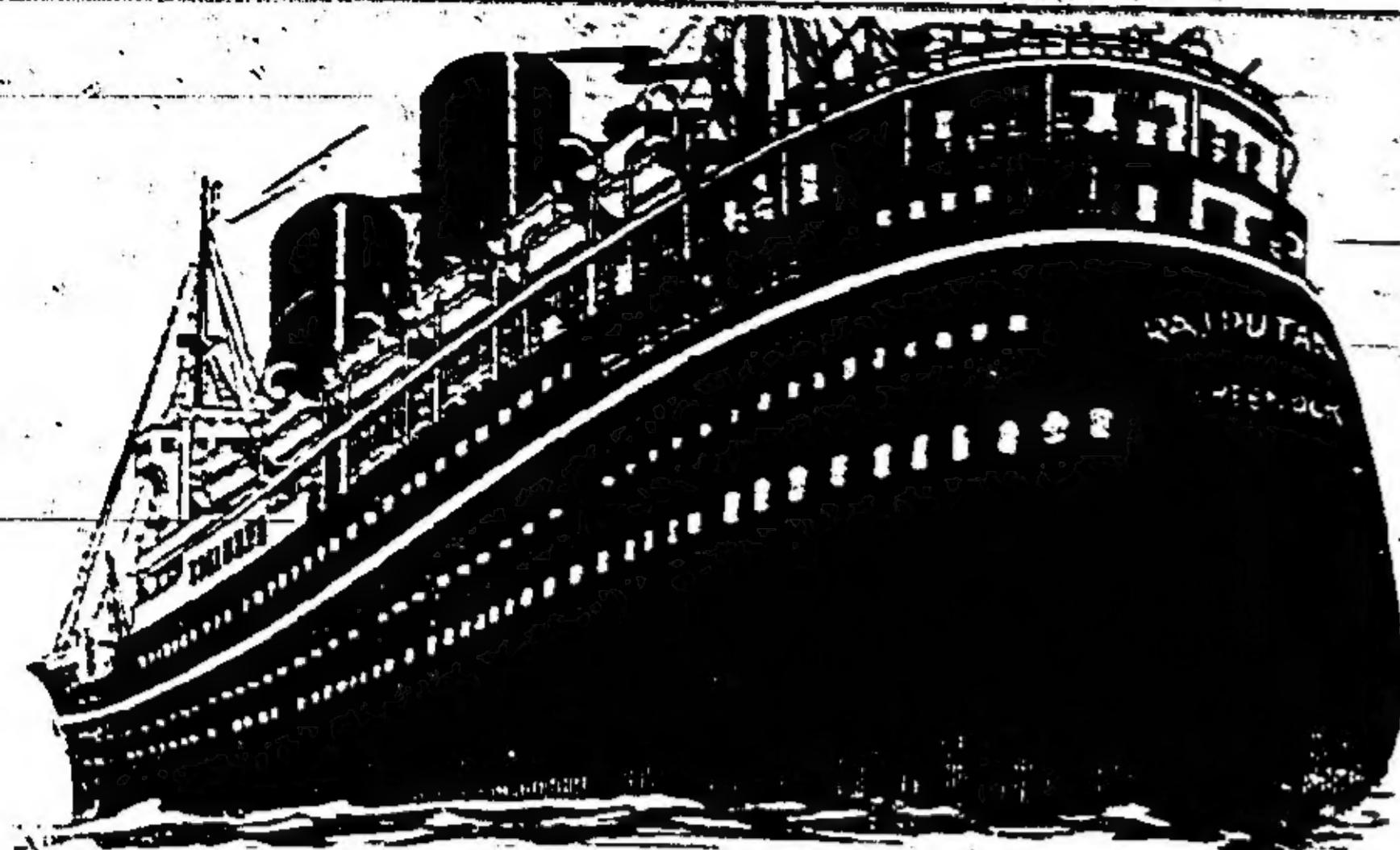
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## THE HAMPSTEAD MURDER

(Continued from Page 10.)

Cheltenham if so look out for the sleuth, but please don't lead him too much of a dance.

Come and have dinner with us on Monday. I expect Dorothy will be back from Carnforth.

Yours,

L. P.  
The letters were sent off, one to the Kensington flat and the other to:

St. John Claire, Esq.,  
c/o Pilgrims' Touring Side,  
Peronne College,  
Cheltenham.

That evening he worked later than usual, redrafting the chapter as far as the afternoon's interview made necessary. The following day he treated himself to a compensatory holiday at Walton Heath. The weather was gorgeous and a couple of rounds, split by an excellent lunch, put him in great fettle. Then back to the club for dinner and bridge, and a day ended which he had been rather dreading.

Things were apt to be a bit dull with Dorothy away again and so soon after her return. Rogers and the Dainger down there too made all the difference, and personally he hated trains like the devil.

Somewhere about noon on the Sunday he rang up Carnforth Hall and Phipps, the butler, answered.

"I'm sorry, sir, but Miss Prentiss isn't back from church yet. She'll be in at any moment now, sir. Yes, sir: the mistress is much better. The doctor is very pleased with her. Are you there, sir? Just hold on a minute, sir, will you? I think I hear Mrs. Prentiss's voice in the garden."

In less than a minute Dorothy Prentiss was on the 'phone.

"Hello! That you, darling? How sweet of you to give me such a surprise!... Oh, simply worn to a shadow, darling." and so on for another five minutes with airy nothings that concern us little. As a matter of fact the only important thing was that she was returning to town on the following afternoon. She wished he had not asked Johnny Claire and just when she wanted him all to herself.

Lunt and the maids were back already. Didn't he know that? "But with all that work you poor darling...."

Sharp to time on the Monday Holt arrived, and like a man who has been given a job of work to do and knows that he has done it well. He produced a packet of closely typed sheets. Prentiss glanced at them as undramatically as possible, looked impressed and then asked how much Holt handed over the bill—thirteen pounds, fourteen shillings. The other wrote out a cheque and got a receipt. He promised, moreover, that any further



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business should undoubtedly be entrusted to the firm of Perring and Holt.

A pretty expensive job that, he thought. Nearly fourteen pounds for the view of an office and a stamped receipt! It rather looked as if it would be Johnny who had the final laugh. Then he opened the packet and glanced at the typewritten sheets. Had the detective chap been spotted or had he spent the two days in a deck-chair in the enclosure? Then the first words caught his eye.

The party was picked up from the address given at 3:15 p.m. and followed to Waterloo Station where he took a train for Dorking. Here he was met by a saloon car driven by a lady. The car proceeded to Justice Friars, six miles away, passed right through the village and stopped at a large house standing in its own grounds, called Friars' House. The couple put the car up in the private garage and entered the hall, going then straight to the bedroom above where they remained for about half an hour. When they came down they had tea in the drawing-room, facing south. Just before twilight they walked round the rose garden together and once or twice during their stroll were observed to embrace passionately. There appeared to be no servants in the house...

That was enough for Prentiss. He was horrified. Good God! What would Claire think? What a perfectly poisonous mess he'd got himself into by doing such a damn silly thing as to go to those agents. But there might be a chance after all. If Johnny wasn't back at Cheltenham he'd gone wrong, it wouldn't be too late. He grabbed his hat and sprinted down the stairs. In two minutes he was

through to Oudearde Mansions.

"Who's speaking, please?... Oh, that you, Daniels? Mr. Claire in?"

"That's good. Listen carefully, Daniels. It's frightfully important. There was a letter from me on Saturday morning or late on the Friday night. You didn't send it on to Cheltenham by any chance?... Good. Will you let me have it at once? Just keep it and I'll pop round for it in a minute or two. If Mr. Claire comes in don't mention it.... What's that?... Good God! Oh, no; nothing serious. Just annoying: that's all. He didn't leave the address?... Thank you, Daniels. Good-bye."

That hadn't torn things; it had ripped them clean in half. The first letter had been returned from Cheltenham and when Claire had come in about noon Daniels had brought them both in. A minute or two later the man had received urgent orders to pack up everything likely to be wanted for a three months' tour in Egypt. Claire himself had left the house only a few minutes before and had told his man that he would receive later instructions where to pick him up.

It was a worried Prentiss who came back to Porters' street after lunch. Why the devil had Claire gone off like that and without even a word? Surely he had sense enough to know that his secrets were safe. There wasn't a man living who would be such an outsider as to go blabbing or even hinting about that sort of thing. He must have sat there a good half-hour thinking things out. How to get hold of Johnny to explain; that was the desperately important thing. And why had he gone to Egypt, and in the hot season, too? Then a brainwave. Perhaps that infernal report would give some hint of his whereabouts. Once more he pulled out the sheets and skimmed them rapidly. The usual stuff, love of a kind in a cottage or a kind. He must have cut that match too, for the report covered all the Saturday.

On the Saturday night a lad was placed against the window of the bedroom which the couple were occupying as soon as they had put out the lights. The following conversation was overheard:

"Darling, are you sure you can trust Phipps?"

"Of course, you silly boy. He'd do simply anything for me. Besides, I shall be over to-morrow in any case."

"And what about Rogers?"

The sound of kissing made the answer inaudible and the voices then became a murmur.

Something seemed to stand still with Prentiss. His heart stopped beating and then, ages after, raced like a mad thing. In a mechanical sort of way he seemed to be running his eye over the sheets and not until the end did he pause as if he were reading seriously. Even then he looked like a man who has had a long illness.

She did not accompany him on to the platform, but they kissed each other good-bye in the waiting-room. The only words to be heard were, "I shall blow you a kiss behind his back the next time he is there with us," to which she replied, "Will you darling boy? But you mustn't forget and call me baby names." They both laughed at this.

It was not until half an hour later that he left the fist. The caretaker's wife whom he passed in the passage said afterwards that he looked straight through her in such a way that she felt a wave of fear pass over her and, even since then she had been unable to get from her mind the deadly intensity of his expression.

Whether or not he was mad at the time is a debatable point. How different men will react to the stress of different emotions is equally debatable. But that a man of fine nature, a man sensitive and artistic to the soles of his feet, should otherwise have done what he did is incomprehensible.

At first his movements seemed reasonably rational. He took the Tube for Hampstead and made his way to the house. There he put the telephone out of order. He took possession of a telegram and a letter delivered by hand for his wife and gave Lunt, the housekeeper, strict instructions not to say anything about either of them. He also decimated the tea which she wished to bring in. His manner, she said, did not seem to be abnormal; he was as quietly courteous as he always was. A bit serious, perhaps, but nothing to take notice of.

Then he went out again. To a music shop he purchased two violin strings and asked the manager to join them for him. What next he went is not certain, but it is known that he spent some time in a telephone box. At about 7:15 he re-entered the house, letting himself in and going straight to the drawing-room.

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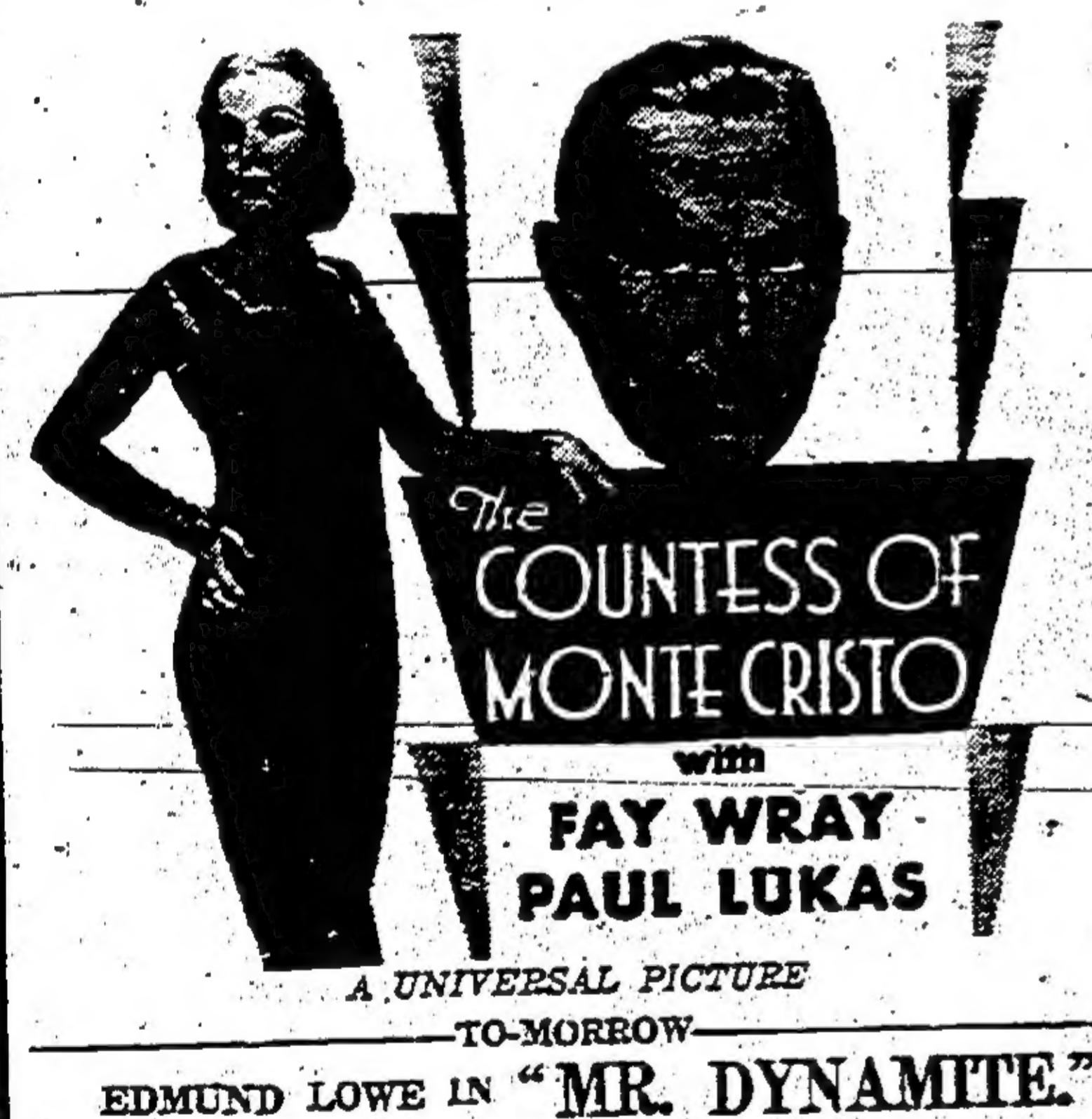
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### GERMAN TRADE FIGURES

#### Satisfactory Position Disclosed

“CHINA MAIL” SPECIAL

Berlin, To-day. Again Germany's foreign trade returns show a substantial export surplus of 51,000,000 marks for November, by comparison with an export surplus of 55,000,000 for October, 1935 and of only 10,000,000 for November 1934. The total volume of foreign trade for the month of November 1935 showed an increase over October 1935 and November 1934, imports in November 1935 being 346,000,000, against 336,000,000 in October 1935 and 346,000,000 in November 1934; while exports were 397,000,000 in November 1935, against 391,000,000 in October 1935 and 356,000,000 in November 1934.

The November 1935 imports were exactly the same as in November 1934, but were considerably less than the monthly average over the whole year 1934; whereas exports in November 1935 were much greater than in November 1934, and still greater than the monthly average for 1934.

Up till November 1935 exports exceeded the imports by 74,000,000 Reichsmarks, whereas for the corresponding 11 months of 1934 imports were in excess by 240,000,000 Reichsmarks. — Trans-Ocean Service.

### INVADING ARMY IN RETREAT

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in the rear the block houses were reinforced, but by 6 a.m. the Italians were retreating to Dembeigna Pass, a dozen miles to the north-east of the ford where the attack began.

ABYSSINIAN CROSS RIVER There the Italians were strongly reinforced and claim that they severely punished the advancing Abyssinians. This second phase of the battle lasted until late in the afternoon.

Meanwhile a considerable force of Abyssinians commanded by Dedjassegn Ayelisurra crossed the river 60 miles downstream, threatening the Shire Adiabo regions for the purpose of intimidating the local population, which has submitted to the Italians. Italian planes and whippet tanks attacked the invaders, who nevertheless continued to advance until late on Monday afternoon.

#### U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS

Jersey City: Carrying anti-war and anti-Fascist posters crowds marched to the pier where the Norwegian freighter Spero was loading with scrap iron for Italy. The crowds tried to board the ship to protest to the captain, but were kept off by the police. The leaders of the demonstrators mounted boxes and made speeches against the shipment of the war materials. They were joined by 19 sailors from the Spero.

The police arrested eight demonstrators after their refusal to disperse. — Reuter.

### EARLIER MESSAGES

#### Abyssinian Positions Attacked

#### ITALIAN REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE

Addis Ababa: Heavy fighting has been reported from Nechellin, 45 miles south-east of Sassebene, where an army under General Graziani who has just received, via Mogadishu, the long expected reinforcements to the extent of one division, attacked the Abyssinian forces.

Abyssinian reports declare that the Italians were repulsed, 13 of their armoured-cars having been destroyed. South-west of Sassebene the Abyssinians are holding their very skilfully devised defences.

Fifteen three-engined bombing planes attacked Addis Ababa's positions on Monday, after reconnoitring planes had located the Abyssinian forces about 200 miles north-east of the former position, being 40,000 men strong.

The Italian bombs appear to have caused serious damage. The well-armed Abyssinians returned the bomb-fire with anti-aircraft



### BRITISH TRADE AGREEMENTS

#### Informal Exchanges With America

London, To-day.

The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman, in a written reply to a Parliamentary question as to whether any discussions were in progress with a view to an Anglo-American trade agreement, said: “Following the declared policy, the Government have under constant review the possibility of negotiating trade agreements with foreign countries. Informal exchanges have accordingly taken place from time to time with a view to ascertaining whether a basis exists for negotiations between the United Kingdom and the United States, but these exchanges have been of an exploratory nature.” British Wireless Service.

### SPANISH CORTES ADJOURNED

#### Expected Dissolution At New Year

“CHINA MAIL” SPECIAL

Madrid, To-day. A decree adjourning the Cortes until January 1—not December 27, as the first reports had it—was published in the official Gazette yesterday. The Government decided to postpone the original date for a few days in order that elections may take place after the carnival festivities in the last week before Lent.

It is generally anticipated that Parliament will be promptly dissolved on January 1 and that the date of the elections—which under the constitution must take place within 60 days after the dissolution—will be fixed for March 1.

The Government meanwhile is taking measures to strengthen its position by appointing numerous new Civil Governors and municipal councillors to replace those nominated during the past two years.

—Trans-Ocean Service.

U.S. DEMONSTRATIONS

The Exchequer returns show that the total of ordinary revenue, excluding self-balancing items, amounts to £411,460,600 as compared with £393,863,147 at the corresponding date of last year.

The total inland revenue is £153,972,000, against £152,638,000 in the same period of the last financial year, while the total ordinary expenditure, exclusive of self-balancing items, is £524,298,024, as against £504,906,618 at the corresponding date of 1934.

British Wireless Service.

#### GREEK PARLIAMENT TO BE DISSOLVED

Athens, To-day.—The Premier, M. Demertzis, announced yesterday that his suggestion to dissolve Parliament had been approved by the King, and that the date of the elections had been fixed for January 26. The new Parliament will assemble on March 12.—Trans-Ocean Service.

#### MARGATE'S INCOME

Margate's income from entertainments for the year ended October 31 last was £57,161, compared with £62,307 for the previous 12 months.

£5,000, but only succeeded in damaging one plane, which though crippled, managed to reach its base again.

#### Defence Measures On Ogaden Front

Addis Ababa: In view of the new Italian offensive, the Abyssinians are moving all available troops to the Ogaden front.

Sassabene has hastily been prepared for defence. All the measures taken by the Abyssinians, however, are of a strictly defensive character, and it is regarded as extremely improbable that the Abyssinians themselves will assume the offensive.—Trans-Ocean Service.

### WEATHER REPORT

The anti-cyclone over China is

increasing in intensity. The de-

pression has moved into the Pa-

cific to the east of Japan. A

typhoon has appeared to the south

of Guam. It will probably move

northward. North-east winds

are expected. The forecast for

to-day, as issued by the Royal

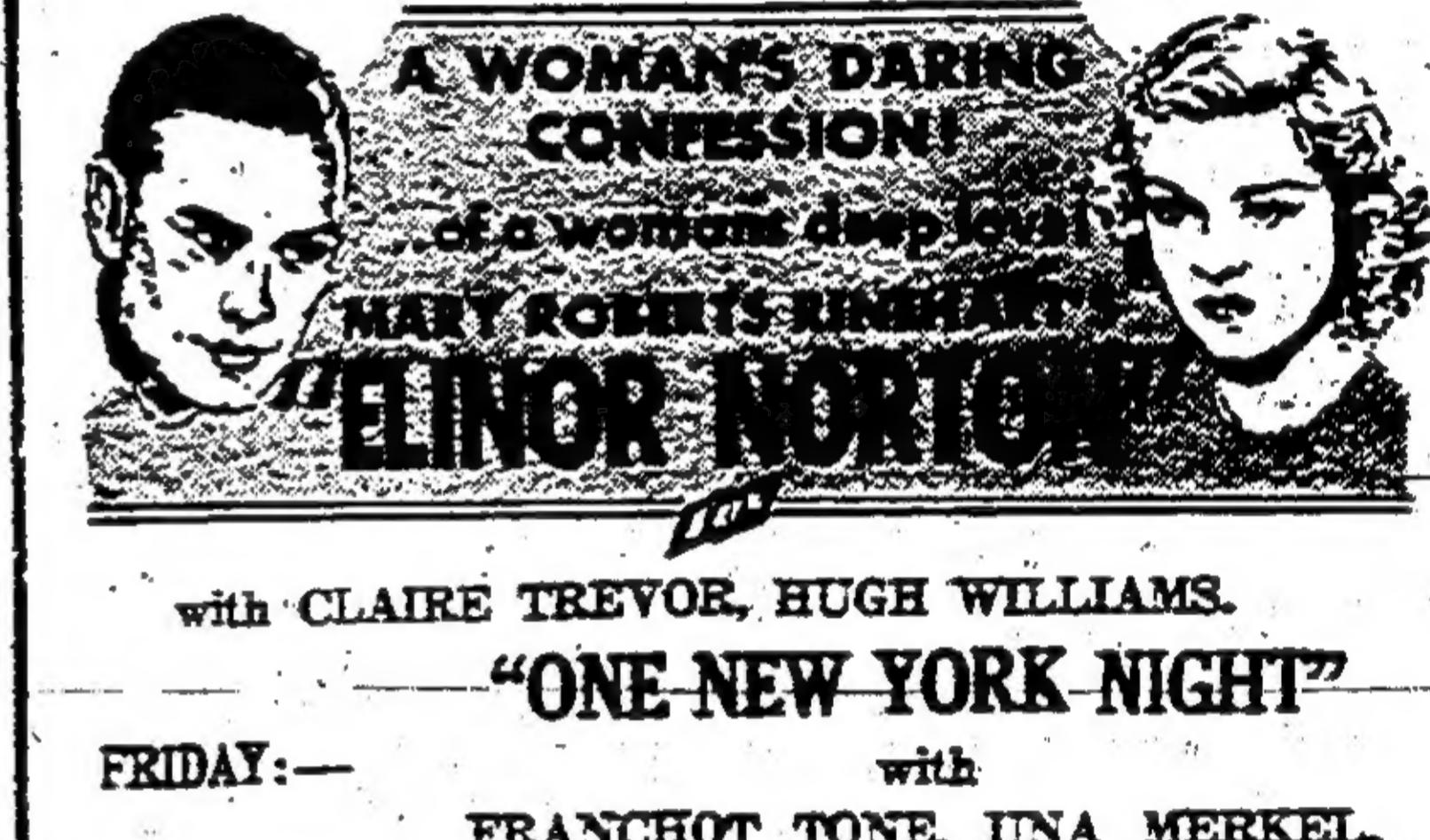
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